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# **Conversion Factors, Datum, and Abbreviations and Acronyms**

**Conversion Factors** 

Inch/Pound to SI

| Ву             | To obtain   |
|----------------|---|
| Length         |   |
| 1.609          | kilometer (km)                                      |
| Area           |   |
| 259.0<br>2.590 | hectare (ha)<br>square kilometer (km <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Radioactivity  |   |
| 0.037          | Becquerel per liter (Bq/L)                          |
|                | Length 1.609 Area 259.0 2.590 Radioactivity         |

Concentrations of chemical constituents in water are given in picocuries per liter (pCi/L), milligrams per liter (mg/L), or micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L).

Datum

Horizontal coordinate information is referenced to North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27).

# Conversion Factors, Datum, and Abbreviations and Acronyms—Continued

Abbreviations and Acronyms

| Abbreviation<br>or Acronym | Definition   |
|----------------------------|--|
| ATRC                       | Advanced Test Reactor Complex                            |
| BC                         | Birch Creek  |
| BLR                        | Big Lost River   |
| CFA                        | Central Facilities Area                                  |
| cl                         | confidence level   |
| Cs-137                     | cesium-137   |
| CSU                        | combined standard uncertainty                            |
| CV                         | coefficient of variation                                 |
| DIW                        | deionized water  |
| DOE                        | U.S. Department of Energy                                |
| ESRP                       | eastern Snake River Plain                                |
| IBW                        | inorganic blank water                                    |
| INL                        | Idaho National Laboratory                                |
| INLPO                      | USGS Idaho National Laboratory Project Office            |
| INTEC                      | Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center          |
| LLR                        | Little Lost River  |
| LRL                        | laboratory reporting level                               |
| LT-MDL                     | long-term method detection level                         |
| MDC                        | minimum detectable concentration                         |
| ML                         | Mud Lake   |
| MFC                        | Materials and Fuels Complex                              |
| MRL                        | minimum reporting level                                  |
| Ν                          | nitrogen   |
| NAD                        | normalized absolute difference                           |
| NWQL                       | U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Laboratory |
| Р                          | phosphorus   |
| Pu-239                     | Plutonium-239  |
| QA                         | quality assurance  |
| ΟC                         | quality control  |
| RESL                       | DOE Radiological and Environmental Sciences Laboratory   |
| RSD                        | relative standard deviation                              |
| RWMC                       | Radioactive Water Managmenet Complex                     |
| Sr-90                      | strontium-90   |

# Evaluation of Quality-Control Data Collected by the U.S. Geological Survey for Routine Water-Quality Activities at the Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho, 1996–2001

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# Abstract

The U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy, collects surface water and groundwater samples at and near the Idaho National Laboratory as part of a routine, site-wide, water-quality monitoring program. Quality-control samples are collected as part of the program to ensure and document the quality of environmental data. From 1996 to 2001, quality-control samples consisting of 204 replicates and 27 blanks were collected at sampling sites. Paired measurements from replicates were used to calculate variability (as reproducibility and reliability) from sample collection and analysis of radiochemical, chemical, and organic constituents. Measurements from field and equipment blanks were used to estimate the potential contamination bias of constituents.

The reproducibility of measurements of constituents was calculated from paired measurements as the normalized absolute difference (NAD) or the relative standard deviation (RSD). The NADs and RSDs, as well as paired measurements with censored or estimated concentrations for which NADs and RSDs were not calculated, were compared to specified criteria to determine if the paired measurements had acceptable reproducibility. If the percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility for a constituent was greater than or equal to 90 percent, then the reproducibility for that constituent was considered acceptable for the period 1996-2001. The percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility was greater than or equal to 90 percent for all constituents except orthophosphate (89 percent), zinc (80 percent), hexavalent chromium (53 percent), and total organic carbon (TOC; 38 percent). The low reproducibility for orthophosphate and zinc was attributed to calculation of RSDs for replicates with low concentrations of these constituents. The low reproducibility for hexavalent chromium and TOC was attributed to the inability to preserve hexavalent chromium in water samples and high variability with the analytical method for TOC.

The reliability of measurements of constituents was estimated from pooled RSDs that were calculated for discrete concentration ranges for each constituent. Pooled RSDs of 15 to 33 percent were calculated for low concentrations of gross-beta radioactivity, strontium-90, ammonia, nitrite, orthophosphate, nickel, selenium, zinc, tetrachloroethene, and toluene. Lower pooled RSDs of 0 to 12 percent were calculated for all other concentration ranges of these constituents, and for all other constituents, except for one concentration range for gross-beta radioactivity, chloride, and nitrate + nitrite; two concentration ranges for hexavalent chromium; and TOC. Pooled RSDs for the 50 to 60 picocuries per liter concentration range of gross-beta radioactivity (reported as cesium-137) and the 10 to 60 milligrams per liter (mg/L) concentration range of nitrate + nitrite (reported as nitrogen [N]) were 17 percent. Chloride had a pooled RSD of 14 percent for the 20 to less than 60 mg/L concentration range. High pooled RSDs of 40 and 51 percent were calculated for two concentration ranges for hexavalent chromium and of 60 percent for TOC.

Measurements from (1) field blanks were used to estimate the potential bias associated with environmental samples from sample collection and analysis, (2) equipment blanks were used to estimate the potential bias from cross contamination of samples collected from wells where portable sampling equipment was used, and (3) a source-solution blank was used to verify that the deionized water sourcesolution was free of the constituents of interest. If more than one measurement was available, the bias was estimated using order statistics and the binomial probability distribution. The source-solution blank had a detectable concentration of hexavalent chromium of 2 micrograms per liter. If this bias was from a source other than the source solution, then about 84 percent of the 117 hexavalent chromium measurements from environmental samples could have a bias of 10 percent or more. Of the 14 field blanks that were collected, only chloride (0.2 milligrams per liter) and ammonia (0.03 milligrams per liter as nitrogen), in one blank each, had detectable concentrations. With an estimated confidence

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level of 95 percent, at least 80 percent of the 1,987 chloride concentrations measured from all environmental samples had a potential bias of less than 8 percent. The ammonia bias, which may have occurred at the analytical laboratory, could produce a potential bias of 5–150 percent in eight potentially affected ammonia measurements. Of the 12 equipment blanks that were collected, chloride was detected in 4 of these blanks, sodium in 3 blanks, and sulfate and hexavalent chromium were each detected in 1 blank. The concentration of hexavalent chromium in the equipment blank was the same concentration as in the source-solution blank collected on the same day, which indicates that the hexavalent chromium in the equipment blank is probably from a source other than the portable sampling equipment, such as the sample bottles or the source-solution water itself. The potential bias for chloride, sodium, and sulfate measurements was estimated for environmental samples that were collected using portable sampling equipment. For chloride, it was estimated with 93 percent confidence that at least 80 percent of the measurements had a bias of less than 18 percent. For sodium and sulfate, it was estimated with 91 percent confidence that at least 70 percent of the measurements had a bias of less than 12 and 5 percent, respectively.

# Introduction

The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) was established by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission-which later became the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)-in 1949 for the development of atomic-energy applications, nuclear safety research, defense programs, and advanced energy concepts (Knobel and others, 2005, p. 1). The INL extends over approximately 890 mi<sup>2</sup> of the north-central part of the eastern Snake River Plain (ESRP) in southeastern Idaho (fig. 1) and overlies about 8 percent of the ESRP aquifer, which is a fractured basalt sole-source aquifer of significant economic value to the State of Idaho. During its operations, the INL has produced and discharged radiochemical and chemical wastes from site facilities to the unsaturated zone and the underlying aquifer through infiltration ponds, evaporation ponds and ditches, drain fields, injection wells, and burial sites (Bartholomay and Twining, 2010, p. 1).

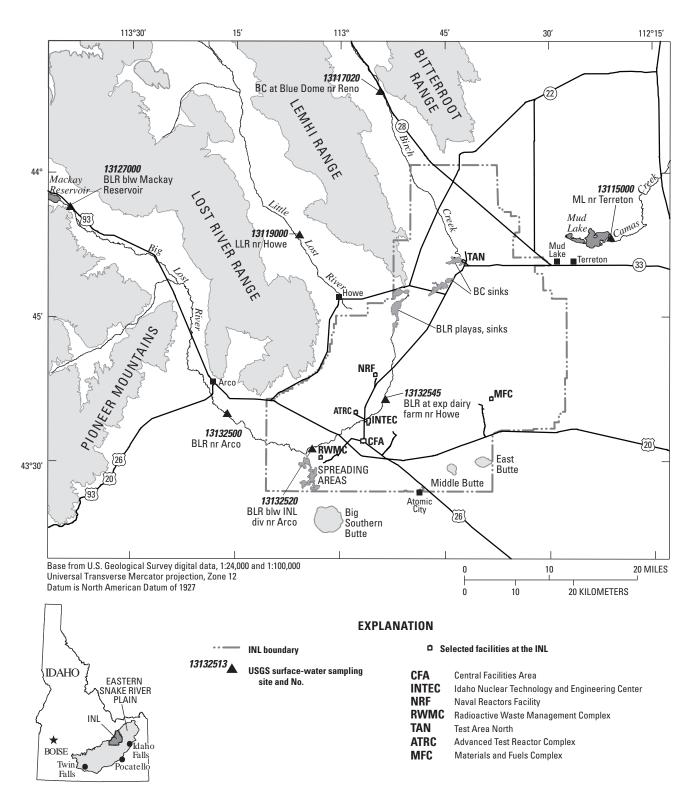
The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) began studying the water quality of the ESRP aquifer in 1949 as part of a program to characterize the water resources at the INL (Nace and others, 1959; Olmstead, 1962; Robertson and others, 1974). Sampling for radiochemical and chemical constituents was sporadic until 1964, when a water-quality monitoring network was established and routine (quarterly, semiannual, or annual) sample collection and analysis began (Knobel and others, 2005, p. 11). The monitoring network includes three separate monitoring programs: a routine, site-wide, waterquality monitoring program at and near the INL (figs. 2–4); a local monitoring program at the Naval Reactors Facility; and off-site monitoring programs. The objectives of the waterquality monitoring network, which included both the aquifer and the perched groundwater zones, were to (1) monitor the concentrations and delineate the movement of facilityrelated radiochemical and chemical wastes, (2) understand the processes controlling the movement of the wastes, and (3) understand the processes controlling the groundwater chemistry (Mann, 1996, p. 2; Knobel and others, 2005, p. 1, 15, 20).

Beginning in 1980, field quality-control (QC) samples were routinely collected at groundwater and surface-water sites to ensure and document the quality of the environmental data. The collection of QC samples preceded documentation of a quality-assurance (QA) plan for water-quality activities by the USGS Idaho National Laboratory Project Office (INLPO) in 1989 (L.J. Mann, U.S. Geological Survey, written commun., 1989) and publication of the QA plan in 1996 (Mann, 1996). The QA plan described the collection of QC samples, such as replicates and blanks. Quality-control samples are an essential component of a water-quality monitoring program because data from QC samples can be used to identify, quantify, and document potential variability and bias, two types of errors in environmental data. The variability and bias "associated with environmental data must be known for the data to be interpreted properly and be scientifically defensible" (U.S. Geological Survey, 2006, p. 133).

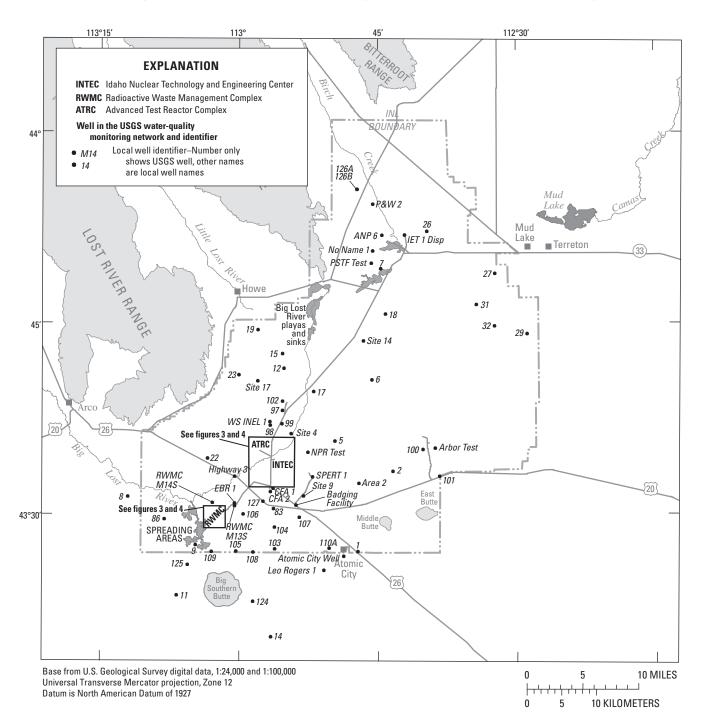
## **Purpose and Scope**

The purpose of this report is to investigate, and document, the quality of environmental data collected by the INLPO from 1996 to 2001. About 2,000 environmental, 204 field replicate, and 27 field blank samples were collected during this period. The quality of the environmental data was investigated by evaluating the replicate and blank data. Statistical analysis of constituent concentrations from replicates was used to calculate variability (as reproducibility and reliability) from sample collection and analysis of radiochemical, inorganic, and organic constituents. Similarly, statistical analysis of constituent concentrations from field and equipment blanks was used to estimate the potential bias from (1) sample collection and analysis of environmental samples and (2) cross contamination of environmental samples collected with portable sampling equipment.

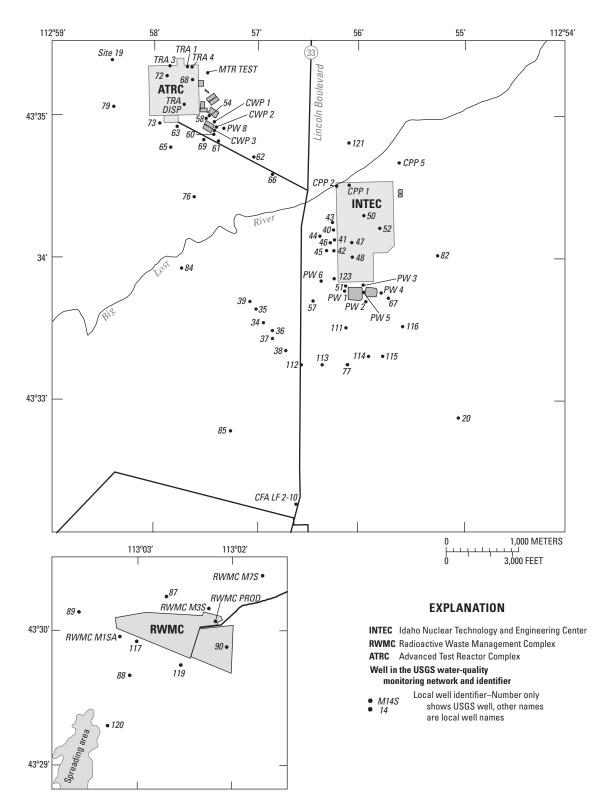
Quality-control samples were collected independently for each of the monitoring programs, and QC data presented in this report were from samples collected for the routine, site-wide, water-quality monitoring program. However, the QC results and interpretations presented in this report also are applicable to chemical (but not radiochemical) data collected and analyzed for the off-site monitoring programs because these programs used the same field procedures, analytical methods, and laboratories for collecting and analyzing the chemical data as the routine monitoring program.



**Figure 1.** Location of selected facilities and surface water sampling sites at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and vicinity, Idaho. Site names and abbreviations are listed in <u>table 2</u>.



**Figure 2.** Location of aquifer wells in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) routine, site-wide, water-quality monitoring program at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and vicinity, Idaho, December 2001.



**Figure 3.** Location of aquifer wells in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) routine, site-wide, water-quality monitoring program at the Advanced Test Reactor Complex, Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, and Radioactive Waste Management Complex at the Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho, December 2001.

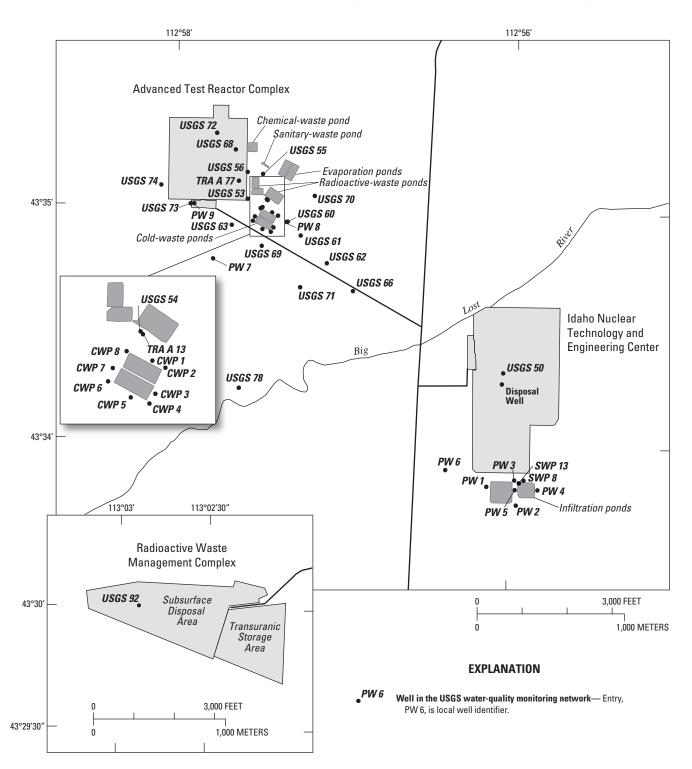


Figure 4. Location of perched groundwater wells in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) routine, site-wide, water-quality monitoring program at the Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho, December 2001.

## **Previous Investigations**

Quality-control results previously were presented in reports for the routine, on-site, monitoring program by Wegner (1989) and Williams (1996, 1997); for the local, on-site, monitoring program at the Naval Reactors Facility by Williams (1996, 1997) and Knobel and others (1999a); for off-site monitoring programs by Williams and others (1998) and Rattray and Campbell (2003); and for special on-site studies by Knobel and others (1999b) and Bartholomay and Twining (2010). Many of the results from previous reports are not directly comparable to the results presented in this report because the sample collection methods were different (Bartholomay and Twining, 2010) or laboratories other than the NWQL or the RESL were used for chemical or radiochemical analyses, respectively (Wegner, 1989; Williams, 1996; Williams and others, 1998; Knobel and others, 1999a, 1999b; Rattray and Campbell, 2003).

# Methods

## **Collection of Quality-Control Samples**

About 10 percent of the samples collected by the INLPO are dedicated to field QC samples (Mann, 1996, p. 12). Field QC samples collected from 1996 to 2001 included replicates and blanks.

## Replicates

The INLPO generally collects a replicate from a sampling site with the longest interval of time, relative to all other sampling sites, since a replicate was last collected. This approximates a rotational sequence for collecting replicates from sampling sites and ensures that, during a period of several years, replicates are collected from most of the sampling sites. From 1996 to 2001, replicates were collected at 151 of the 173 sampling sites.

Replicates (also called replicate pairs) consisted of two water samples, an environmental sample and a replicate sample, with the replicate sample collected immediately after collection of the environmental sample. Replicates were submitted blind to the analytical laboratories, ensuring that the laboratories did not know the source of the water or that the samples were replicates. The replicate (and environmental) samples were collected in accordance with established sample-collection procedures and guidelines documented by the U.S. Geological Survey (2006) and the INLPO

quality-assurance plan (Mann, 1996). Equipment used during sample collection included sample bottles, capsule filters, Tygon® tubing, stainless steel pipes at wells with dedicated submersible pumps, bailers or a portable pump and tubing at wells without dedicated submersible pumps, and a churn splitter at surface water sites. Equipment and bottles were cleaned and rinsed in accordance with procedures described in Mann (1996, p. 6). Samples from pumped water were collected at wells after purging at least three wellbore volumes of water and after stable values of pH, specific conductivity, and temperature were measured. After sample collection, preservatives were added to sample bottles (if required), and the bottles were capped, labeled, chilled (if required), and stored in the USGS laboratory at the INL until delivery to the analytical laboratory. Sample bottles, with chain-of-custody forms, were mailed twice a week to the NWQL in sealed coolers and delivered by hand to the RESL at the end of each sampling event.

### Blanks

The types of blanks collected included equipment, field, and source-solution blanks. The source solution blank was collected at the USGS laboratory at the INL. Equipment and field blanks were collected inside a USGS field camper at a sampling site.

Collection of equipment blanks consisted of field rinsing the bailer or portable pump and tubing in the same manner as for environmental samples-by rinsing the bailer with source solution or by passing a conditioning volume of source solution through the portable pump and tubing. For equipment blanks collected using the bailer, source solution was poured into the rinsed bailer and then poured from the bailer into a pitcher. For equipment blanks collected using the portable pump, source solution was pumped through the pump and tubing into a pitcher. For field and source-solution blanks, deionized water (DIW) source solution was poured into the pitcher for samples requiring filtration. The source solution was not filtered if inorganic blank water (IBW) was the source solution. Sample bottles for equipment, field, and source-solution blanks were then filled by pouring the source solution from the pitcher or source-solution bottle directly into the sample bottles, or by filtering DIW source solution into sample bottles. Bottles for all blank samples were preserved, stored, handled, and shipped as described for the replicates. Source solutions for the blanks consisted of DIW, which had been previously determined to be a suitable source solution for blanks (Williams, 1997, p. 23), and IBW purchased from the USGS Ocala Water Quality and Research Laboratory and certified to be free of the constituents of interest.

# Analytical Methods and Data Reporting Conventions

The QC (and environmental) samples were submitted to the DOE Radiological and Environmental Services Laboratory (RESL) for analysis of radiochemical constituents and the USGS National Water Quality Laboratory (NWQL) for analysis of inorganic and organic constituents. Constituent analyses included:

- Radiochemical constituents
  - gross-alpha, gross-beta, and gamma radioactivity
  - tritium and strontium-90
  - plutonium-238, plutonium-239+240, and americium-241
- Inorganic constituents
  - major ions (sodium, chloride, fluoride, sulfate)
  - nutrients (ammonia, nitrate + nitrite, nitrite, orthophosphate)
  - metals (aluminum, antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, silver, thallium, uranium, zinc, total dissolved chromium, hexavalent chromium)
- Organic constituents
  - volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
  - total organic carbon (TOC).

Analytical methods used by the RESL are described by Bodnar and Percival (1982) and U.S. Department of Energy (1995). Analytical methods used by the NWQL are described by Goerlitz and Brown (1972), Thatcher and others (1977), Skougstad and others (1979), Barnett and Mallory (1971), Wershaw and others (1987), Fishman and Friedman (1989), Faires (1992), Fishman (1993), and Rose and Schroeder (1995).

Laboratory QA/QC practices are described in analytical method documents as well as by Bodnar and Percival (1982) and the U.S. Department of Energy (1995) for the RESL and Friedman and Erdmann (1982) and Pritt and Raese (1995) for the NWQL. Summaries of NWQL QC data for 1996–2001 are presented by Ludtke and others (1999, 2000) and the U.S. Geological Survey (2012a, b).

The RESL reports combined standard uncertainties (CSUs) with their analytical results. These propagated random uncertainties were calculated using variables such as yields, appropriate half-lives, counting efficiencies, and count times and are reported at a confidence level of one standard deviation (Williams, 1997, p. 10). A lower CSU relative to the result indicates a lower measurement uncertainty, and a higher CSU relative to the result indicates a higher measurement uncertainty.

Reporting levels used by the NWQL include minimum reporting levels (MRLs), long-term method detection levels (LT-MDLs), and laboratory reporting levels (LRLs) (Childress and others, 1999). The MRL is the smallest measured constituent concentration that can be reliably reported using a specific analytical method (Timme, 1995). The LT-MDL is determined by calculating the standard deviation of a sample with at least 24 spike sample measurements over an extended period of time (Childress and others, 1999, p. 19). The LRL generally is equal to twice the yearly-determined LT-MDL (Childress and others, 1999, p. 19). Results that are between the LT-MDL and the LRL, or between the LRL and the lowest calibration standard, are reported with the "E" remark code (Childress and others, 1999, p. 9), which means the result is estimated and has a greater uncertainty than data without the "E" remark. Non-detections were reported by the NWQL as censored values (reported with the "<" symbol) that were less than the MRL or LRL. Table 1 (at back of report) lists the MRLs and LRLs for the inorganic and organic constituents discussed in this report.

# **Statistical Methods**

The normalized absolute difference (NAD) and the relative standard deviation (RSD) were calculated to estimate the reproducibility of radiochemical and chemical measurements, respectively. Pooled RSDs were calculated to estimate the reliability of measurements for all constituents. The potential bias of environmental samples was estimated from constituent concentrations from blank samples using order statistics and binomial probability.

# Normalized Absolute Difference

Normalized absolute differences were calculated from radiochemical concentrations and their CSUs. The NAD then was used to test the null hypothesis that a pair of radiochemical measurements did not differ significantly when compared to their CSUs (Williams, 1996, p. 11-15; Parr and Porterfield, 1997, p. 30; McCurdy and others, 2008, p. 15). Instead of setting a value approximately equal to two times the CSU as a test of equivalence, the significance level, which indicates the weight of the evidence to accept or reject the null hypothesis of  $x \pm CSU_x = y \pm CSU_y$ , was determined using the NAD as the test statistic. At an NAD of 1.96, the significance level was 0.05 (assuming a normal distribution and a two-tailed test), the probability of error was 0.05, and the decision of whether or not concentrations were the same was determined at the 95-percent confidence level. Thus, for an NAD less than or equal to 1.96, the NAD was within the 95-percent confidence interval, the null hypothesis was accepted, and the concentrations did not differ significantly. Concentrations were considered significantly different when the NAD was greater than 1.96.

(6)

The equation for calculating the NAD is:

$$NAD = \frac{|x - y|}{\sqrt{CSU_x^2 + CSU_y^2}}$$
(1)

where

- *x* is the concentration of a radiochemical in the environmental sample,
- *y* is the concentration of the same radiochemical in the replicate sample,
- $CSU_x$  is the combined standard uncertainty of x at the  $1\sigma$  confidence level, and
- $CSU_y$  is the combined standard uncertainty of y at the  $1\sigma$  confidence level.

## **Relative Standard Deviation**

The RSD is the percent coefficient of variation (CV) and was calculated as (Taylor, 1987):

$$RSD = CV \times 100 \text{ percent}$$
(2)

The CV was calculated as:

$$CV = \frac{s}{\overline{x}}$$
(3)

where

- *s* is the standard deviation for a constituent from a replicate pair, and
- $\overline{x}$  is the mean concentration for the same constituent and replicate pair.

The standard deviations and mean concentrations for constituents from replicate pairs were calculated as:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$$
(4)

and

$$\overline{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n} \tag{5}$$

where

 $x_i$  is a constituent concentration from the replicate pair, and

*n* is 2, the number of constituent concentrations from the replicate pair.

The standard deviation and mean concentration used for calculating pooled relative standard deviations were calculated as:

 $\overline{x}_{pooled} = \sum_{i=1}^{2k} \frac{x_i}{2k} \tag{7}$ 

where

v is the degrees of freedom for  $s_{pooled}$  and is equal to k.

 $s_{pooled} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbf{v}_i s_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{k} \mathbf{v}_i}}$ 

### **Binomial Probability**

k

The distribution of constituent concentrations from blank samples was highly skewed, so a non-parametric statistical method was used to estimate the potential bias of constituents from blank sample measurements. The statistical method used here, using order statistics (with the ranking from low to high concentration) and binomial probability (Mueller, 1998, p. 5–6), determined a one-sided confidence interval, or a confidence level (*cl*) that represented "the probability that *m* observed values from a total of *n* observations are less than or equal to the 100*p*th percentile of the sampled population" (Mueller, 1998, p. 5). The confidence level was calculated as:

$$cl = Prob \ (n, m, p) \tag{8}$$

At the 100*cl*, the concentration of the *m*+1 ranked observation represented the concentration that exceeded 100*p* percent of the values in the population. Because of the small number of blank samples collected, *p*-values of 0.70 and 0.80 were used instead of the more inclusive value of 0.95 and the *m*+1 ranked observation was always equal to the *n*th ranked observation. For example, for a set of 13 field blanks (n = 13), any contamination bias in the population of field blanks (and associated environmental samples) was estimated with a confidence level (*cl*) of 95 percent to be below the13th-highest (*m*+1 ranked) field blank concentration for at least 80 percent of the samples (p = 0.80).

# **Quality-Control Results**

## Variability

Variability was evaluated with measures of reproducibility and reliability. Reproducibility was calculated from paired measurements from replicates as normalized absolute difference (NAD) and relative standard deviation (RSD). The NADs and RSDs, as well as paired measurements with censored or estimated values for which RSDs were not calculated, were compared to specified criteria to determine if the paired measurements had acceptable reproducibility. Reliability was estimated from pooled RSDs.

### Reproducibility

Reproducibility was estimated from calculations of NADs for radiochemical constituents (tables 2-4; at back of report) and RSDs for inorganic and organic constituents (<u>tables 5–10</u>; at back of report). (Statistical calculations were done using unrounded concentration data and, because concentrations in results tables were rounded to the least significant figure, the statistical results presented in the tables may differ slightly from statistical calculations using concentration results in the tables). Relative standard deviations were used to determine the reproducibility of inorganic and organic constituents because uncertainties, which are necessary for calculating NADs, were not provided with results for these constituents. The calculated NADs and RSDs, as well as paired measurements with censored or estimated concentrations for which RSDs were not calculated, were compared to criteria previously used by the INLPO and (or) the State of Idaho INL Oversight Program to determine if the paired measurements had acceptable reproducibility. The reproducibility for a constituent from a replicate pair was considered acceptable if:

- the NAD was less than or equal to 1.96 (Williams, 1996, p. 14; Bartholomay and Twining, 2010, p. 14–15),
- the RSD was less than 14 percent (this corresponds to the relative percent difference of less than 20 percent used by the Idaho National Laboratory Oversight Program [2002, p. 5–22] and Bartholomay and Twining [2010, p. 15]),
- 3. both measurements were censored and (or) estimated because they were less than the reporting level for that analysis (Williams, 1996, p. 15), or
- 4. one measurement was censored or estimated and the other measurement was within one detection limit of the larger of the estimated value or the reporting level, or the measurements were within one detection limit of each other (Idaho National Laboratory Oversight Program, 2002, p. 5–22). For results reported using the LRL as the reporting level, the detection limit was the

LT-MDL (one-half of the LRL). For results reported with the MRL as the reporting level, the detection limit was approximated as one-half of the MRL.

If the percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility for a constituent was greater than or equal to 90 percent, then the reproducibility for that constituent was considered acceptable for the period 1996–2001 (table 11, at back of report). If the percentage was less than 90 percent for a constituent, then the results for that constituent were investigated further (Idaho National Laboratory Oversight Program, 2002, p. 6–4).

There were 63 replicate pairs with measurements of gross-alpha and gross-beta radioactivity, 93 with measurements of gamma radioactivity (all gamma radionuclide results were less than reporting levels, so only cesium-137 was reported by the RESL), 204 with measurements of tritium, 123 with measurements of strontium-90, and 28 with measurements of the plutonium and americium radionuclides ( $\underline{tables 2}$ - $\underline{4}$ ). All these radiochemical constituents had acceptable reproducibility (that is, NAD  $\leq$ 1.96) between their paired measurements except for one result for americium-241, two results for gross-beta radioactivity and cesium-137, four results for strontium-90, and eight results for tritium. NADs calculated for two replicate pairs for gross-beta radioactivity (9.10 and 8.73 in October 1996) and two replicate pairs for tritium (8.72 and 8.01 in April 2001) that did not have acceptable reproducibility were a result of switched sample bottles at the USGS laboratory at the INL or at the RESL. Measurements from switched sample bottles are easily detected if water from the two sites had large differences in concentration (incorrect results identified in this report as resulting from switched sample bottles were subsequently corrected in the USGS National Water Information System database). The percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility for each radiochemical constituent was greater than or equal to 96 percent (table 11).

There were 131, 202, 7, and 83 replicate pairs with measurements of sodium, chloride, fluoride, and sulfate, respectively, and 98 with measurements of each of the nutrient species (tables 5, 6, and 11). All paired measurements of major ions and nutrients had acceptable reproducibility except for 5 results for chloride, 7 for ammonia, 4 for nitrate + nitrite (the aquifer is an oxidizing environment, so nitrate + nitrite will hereafter be referred to as nitrate), 3 for nitrite, and 11 for orthophosphate. Two of the RSDs calculated for chloride (117 and 117 percent in April 1998; table 5) and nitrate (97 and 96 percent in October 1998; table 6) that did not have acceptable reproducibility were a result of switched sample bottles. The percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility was greater than or equal to 90 percent for each constituent except for orthophosphate (89 percent). Because relative variability generally increases as concentrations decrease, the slightly lower percentage of acceptable results for orthophosphate probably was a result of the consistently low concentrations measured for this constituent. Of 196

orthophosphate measurements from replicate pairs, 194 were less than or equal to 0.045 mg/L as phosphorous and were less than or equal to three times the reporting level for orthophosphate.

There were 97 replicate pairs with measurements of total dissolved chromium, 19 for hexavalent chromium, 5 for selenium and thallium, and 10 for all the other metals (tables 7, 8, and 11). All paired measurements of metals had acceptable reproducibility except one result each for aluminum, arsenic, manganese, and nickel, two results for zinc, four results for chromium, and nine results for hexavalent chromium. The percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility was greater than or equal to 90 percent for all of the metals except for zinc (80 percent) and hexavalent chromium (53 percent). Zinc concentrations were less than or equal to  $3 \mu g/L$  for the two paired measurements for zinc without acceptable reproducibility, which was less than or equal to three times the reporting level for zinc. This indicates that, like orthophosphate, the larger relative variability for zinc was a result of zinc concentrations near the reporting level. The large variability and low reproducibility for measurements of hexavalent chromium were probably related to the inability to preserve hexavalent chromium after collection of the water sample (Rogerson and others, 1997).

There were 32 replicate pairs with measurements of VOCs (<u>table 11</u>), although only 1,1-dichloroethene, tetrachloroethene, tetrachloromethane, toluene, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethene, and trichloromethane had replicate pairs with concentrations that exceeded the reporting level (<u>table 9</u>). For these VOCs, the reproducibility was acceptable for all the calculated RSDs except for one result each for tetrachloroethene, toluene, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane. The percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility was 97 percent for tetrachloroethene, toluene, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane and 100 percent for all other VOCs.

There were 21 replicate pairs with measurements of TOC (tables 10 and 11), and reproducibility was acceptable in 8 (38 percent) of the paired measurements. The NWQL presented laboratory QA results for organic constituents (available for December 1999–December 2001) that consistently showed variable recovery of TOC (U.S. Geological Survey, 2012b), which indicates reproducibility issues with the laboratory method.

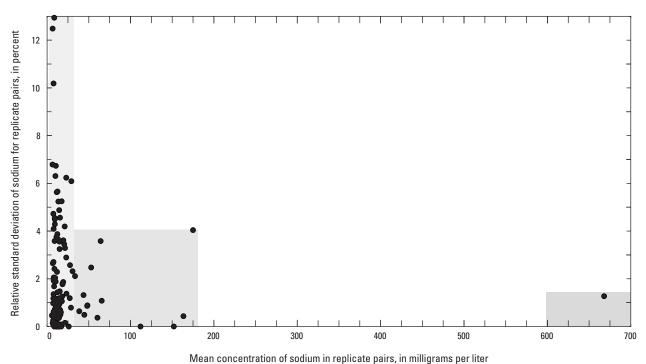
## Reliability

The reliability of radiochemical, inorganic, and organic constituents was estimated, for discrete concentration ranges, as a pooled RSD (table 12, at back of report). Reliability was estimated for discrete concentration ranges because (1) pooled RSDs should be calculated from samples with similar variability (Taylor, 1987, p. 22) and (2) variability and RSDs are a function of concentration (Martin, 2002, p. 35). Generally, variability and RSDs decrease as concentrations increase. Qualitatively, and using the criterion specified for reproducibility, pooled RSDs less than 14 percent indicated

that the measurements for that constituent and concentration range met a minimum objective for reliability. However, pooled RSDs provide a precise measure of reliability (which increases as pooled RSDs decrease) that can be used to calculate confidence limits for water-quality measurements (Martin, 2002, p. 50–51).

The RSDs calculated for replicate pairs were used to identify appropriate concentration ranges for each constituent to evaluate reliability with pooled RSDs (relative standard deviations were calculated for radiochemical constituents to calculate the pooled RSDs and were calculated for a replicate pair only if both radiochemical concentrations equaled or exceeded the method detection limit and the minimum detectable concentration (MDC) of three times the CSU [Mann, 1996, p. 33–36]). Discrete concentration ranges were selected for each constituent by plotting the RSD and mean constituent concentration for each replicate pair and grouping concentration ranges based on differences in the ranges of plotted RSDs. For example, figure 5 shows a plot of RSDs and mean sodium concentrations from replicate pairs. The range of RSDs was largest, 0 to 13 percent, for a sodium concentration range of 5 mg/L (the lowest concentration measured) to less than 30 mg/L. A smaller range of RSDs, 0-4.0 percent, was calculated for a concentration range of 30-180 mg/L, and an RSD of 1.3 percent was calculated from a replicate pair with a mean sodium concentration of 668 mg/L (table 12).

Relative standard deviations were not calculated for gross-alpha radioactivity, cesium-137, plutonium-238, plutonium-239+240, and americium-241 because none of the replicate pairs had concentrations that exceeded the MDC for these constituents. Relative standard deviations were calculated from 7 replicate pairs for gross-beta radioactivity, 74 for tritium, and 25 for strontium-90. Pooled RSDs for gross-beta radioactivity were 18 percent for the concentration range 6.0 to 12 pCi/L as Cs-137 and 17 percent for the concentration range 50 to 60 pCi/L as Cs-137 (table 12). The low concentration range was within three times the method detection limit of 4 pCi/L for gross-beta radioactivity (Mann, 1996, p. 35); therefore, the high variability and low measurement reliability at these concentrations was a reasonable result. Pooled RSDs for tritium were calculated for three concentration ranges: 500 to less than 2,000, 2,000 to less than 20,000, and 20,000 to 80,000 pCi/L. The pooled RSDs for tritium, 8.4, 7.2, and 1.3 percent, respectively, decreased as concentrations increased, and indicated a low variability and high reliability for measurements of tritium across all concentration ranges. Pooled RSDs for strontium-90 of 6.1 and 3.4 percent were calculated for concentration ranges of 12 to less than 25 and 25 to 250 pCi/L, which indicated a low variability and high reliability for measurements of strontium-90 at these concentrations. A pooled RSD for strontium-90 of 23 percent was calculated for the concentration range 6.0 to less than 12 pCi/L. The low measurement reliability for this concentration range was attributed to concentrations near the method detection limit of 5 pCi/L (Mann, 1996, p. 35).



**Figure 5.** Variability of sodium as a function of sodium concentration. Gray rectangles indicate three discrete concentration ranges with different ranges of variability (shown as relative standard deviations).

Pooled RSDs for the major ions (from RSDs calculated from 131 replicate pairs for sodium, 202 for chloride, 7 for fluoride, and 83 for sulfate) ranged from 1.3 to 3.2 percent for sodium, 1.5 to 14 percent for chloride, 6.6 percent for fluoride, and 1.5 to 1.8 percent for sulfate. The pooled RSD for chloride concentrations ranging from 20 to less than 60 mg/L was 14 percent. This result was calculated from 43 replicate pairs, and 41 of the calculated RSDs were less than or equal to 3.6 percent. Additionally, the pooled RSD for chloride concentrations ranging from 60 to 350 mg/L, 1.5 percent, did not include results from two replicate pairs with switched sample bottles (these results were excluded from the pooled RSD calculations because any environmental samples with a similar large difference in concentration because of switched sample bottles, when compared to the long record of historical concentrations for the particular site, would be easily detected). The pooled RSDs for the major ions indicate that measurements of the major ions had low variability and high reliability.

Pooled RSDs for nutrients were determined from RSDs calculated from 16 replicate pairs for ammonia, 98 for nitrate, 7 for nitrite, and 55 for orthophosphate (table 12). One RSD each was calculated for ammonia and orthophosphate from a mean replicate concentration that exceeded three times their reporting levels. The RSDs, 0.9 and 7.6 percent for ammonia and orthophosphate, respectively, showed low variability and high reliability for these measurements. For concentrations near their reporting levels, pooled RSDs for ammonia, nitrite, and orthophosphate were 23, 17, and 16

percent, respectively, and showed low measurement reliability. Pooled RSDs for nitrate + nitrite, for concentration ranges of 0.3 to less than 0.7, 0.7 to 6.0, and 10 to 60 mg/L as nitrogen (N), were 2.0, 3.9, and 17 percent, respectively. The pooled RSD of 3.9 percent was calculated after excluding results from two replicate pairs with switched sample bottles, and the pooled RSD of 17 percent was calculated from two replicate pairs with RSDs less than or equal to 1.3 percent and one replicate pair with an RSD of 88 percent. Except for a few measurements, nitrate showed low variability and high reliability.

The pooled RSDs for metals were calculated from results of 1 to 4 replicate pairs for antimony, cadmium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, nickel, and selenium; 8 to 11 replicate pairs for aluminum, arsenic, barium, molybdenum, uranium, zinc, and hexavalent chromium; and 38 replicate pairs for chromium. Antimony, barium, cadmium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, molybdenum, and uranium had pooled RSDs of less than or equal to 6.4, indicating low variability and high reliability for measurements of these metals. Pooled RSDs for aluminum and arsenic were 12 percent, and for nickel and selenium were 22 and 15 percent, respectively. The high variability and low reliability for measurements of nickel and selenium were attributed to measured concentrations near their reporting levels. Pooled RSDs were calculated for two concentration ranges of zinc and hexavalent chromium and three concentration ranges of chromium. The low concentration range for zinc, 1.0 to 3.0  $\mu$ g/L, was near the reporting level of 1 µg/L for zinc and had a pooled RSD

of 33 percent. At the high concentration range for zinc, 10 to 400  $\mu$ g/L, the pooled RSD of 1.2 percent indicates high measurement reliability. The three concentration ranges for chromium, 2.0 to less than 13, 13 to 40, and 70 to 200  $\mu$ g/L had pooled RSDs of 11, 5.1, and 1.2 percent, respectively. This indicates that reliability of chromium measurements was high across all concentration ranges. The reliability of measurements of hexavalent chromium was low, with pooled RSDs for the low and high concentration ranges of 40 and 51 percent. The high variability for hexavalent chromium probably was related to the inability to preserve hexavalent chromium after collection of the water sample (see section "Quality Control Results").

Pooled RSDs for the seven VOCs with replicate pair concentrations greater than reporting levels were calculated from 16 or fewer replicate pairs. The pooled RSDs for 1,1-dichloroethene, tetrachloromethane, 1,1,1-trichloroethane, trichloroethene, and trichloromethane were less than or equal to 5.6 percent, indicating low variability and high reliability for measurements of these VOCs. The pooled RSD was 21 percent for tetrachloroethene and 30 percent for toluene. The higher variability for these VOCs was attributed to their low measured concentrations that were at or near their respective reporting levels.

The pooled RSD for total organic carbon (TOC), calculated from results of 13 replicate pairs where both TOC concentrations exceeded the reporting level, was 60 percent. The NWQL presented laboratory QA results for organic constituents (available for December 1999–December 2001) that consistently showed variable recovery of TOC (U.S. Geological Survey, 2012b). Consequently, the high variability and low reliability of TOC measurements was attributed to variability in the laboratory method. Because the laboratory method was unreliable during the study period, the INLPO will evaluate future QC results for TOC to determine if collection of TOC samples should be continued.

#### Bias

Bias was estimated from field, equipment, and source solution blanks. Field blanks were collected to estimate the potential contamination bias of selected constituents in environmental samples caused by the preservation, storage, handling, shipping, processing, and analysis of the blanks and samples. The field blanks did not include any contamination bias from equipment, such as the dedicated pumps and casing present in most wells or the portable sampling equipment used at 21 wells (Mann, 1996, p. 21–29; Bartholomay and others, 2003, p. 26–34). Equipment blanks were used to estimate the potential bias of selected constituents from cross contamination of samples collected with portable sampling equipment. A source-solution blank was collected to confirm that the deionized water (DIW) used as a source solution for some blanks was free of the constituents of interest.

The criterion used to determine when a detectable concentration from a blank was due to inadvertent sample bias, rather than instrument background uncertainty (sometimes referred to as "noise"), was a concentration exceeding the method detection limit of 3 times the CSU for radiochemical constituents (Mann, 1996, p. 33-36) or a concentration exceeding the reporting level for inorganic and organic constituents. When a detectable constituent concentration was measured in a field or equipment blank sample, and if more than one field or one equipment blank result was available for that constituent, order statistics and the binomial probability distribution were used to estimate the potential contamination bias of the constituent in environmental samples. These statistical methods were used to calculate with 91, 93, or 95 percent confidence that contamination bias in 70 or 80 percent of the water-quality measurements for a constituent was less than a specific concentration. The potential contamination bias of the constituent also was estimated as the percent of the lowest environmental concentration potentially affected. Using the lowest environmental concentration potentially affected provided a worst-case estimate of potential contamination bias.

# Source-Solution Blank

The source-solution blank was collected on October 28, 1996, to verify that the DIW used as a source solution for equipment and field blanks was free of the constituents of interest. The source-solution blank was analyzed for tritium, strontium-90, cesium-137, sodium, chloride, sulfate, chromium, and hexavalent chromium (table 13). The only constituent with a detectable concentration was hexavalent chromium, which had a measured concentration of 2 µg/L. The hexavalent chromium in the source-solution blank may have been present in the source solution, acquired during the preservation, storage, handling, shipping, processing, and analysis of the sample, or may be an artifact of high variability in the analytical method. Of the 117 measurements of hexavalent chromium from environmental samples in 1996, 98 measurements were less than 20 µg/L. Consequently, if the positive bias was from a source other than the source solution, a bias of 2 µg/L could produce a bias of 10 percent or more in about 84 percent of the hexavalent chromium measurements.

# **Field Blanks**

Fourteen field blanks were collected from 1996 to 2001 (table 13). The field blanks collected at sample sites included sample bottles for the same constituents as were collected for the environmental samples. Analysis of field blanks included tritium and strontium-90 from all 14 blanks, chloride from 13 blanks, sodium and sulfate from 6 blanks, cesium-137 and chromium from 5 blanks, and hexavalent chromium and ammonia from 1 blank (the field blank collected on April 20, 1999, also included most of the remaining constituents

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discussed in this report, all of which were nondetects). A detectable concentration was measured for only two constituents. Chloride was detected in the field blank from April 25, 1996, at a concentration of 0.2 mg/L and ammonia was detected in the field blank from April 20, 1999, at a concentration of 0.03 mg/L as N. The source of chloride in the field blank could have been the DIW source solution or some unidentified source during the storage, handling, shipping, processing, and analysis of the sample. The source of ammonia may have occurred at the NWQL, because the laboratory shows a positive bias for ammonia in late-April 1999 (U.S. Geological Survey, 2012c), the period of time when the sample was analyzed.

The potential bias of chloride in all environmental samples was estimated using order statistics for the chloride concentrations from field blanks and the binomial probability distribution. The order ranking for the chloride measurements used the LT-MDL (<0.145 and <0.15) instead of the LRL (<0.29 and <0.30) for measurements from field blanks collected in 2000 and 2001 because these measurements, although reported as less than LRL, were actually less than LT-MDL (Childress and others, 1999, p. 8-9). There were 13 chloride measurements from field blanks, and the 13th (or m+1) ranked concentration (that is, the maximum measured concentration from the blanks) was 0.2 mg/L. Using a p-value of 0.8 (probability of success in table 14), it was estimated with a confidence level (cl) of 95 percent that at least 80 percent (100p percent) of the environmental samples had a chloride bias of less than 0.2 mg/L (table 14). Because the minimum concentration from the 1,987 environmental chloride concentrations measured was 2.6 mg/L, there is 95 percent confidence that at least 80 percent of the environmental samples had a potential bias of less than 8 percent.

In April 1999, 43 environmental samples were collected that included measurements of ammonia and that could have been affected by a potential ammonia bias at the NWQL. Of these 43 samples, 35 measurements were less than the reporting level and did not have any detectable positive bias for ammonia. The other eight ammonia measurements ranged from 0.02 to 0.55 mg/L of N, and a potential bias of 0.03 mg/L as N would produce a bias of ammonia of as much as 5 to 150 percent in these measurements.

### **Equipment Blanks**

Twelve equipment blanks were collected (<u>table 13</u>). The equipment blanks included sample bottles for the same constituents as were collected for environmental samples at the site where the blank was collected. Tritium, strontium-90, and chloride were analyzed from all 12 equipment blanks; sodium, sulfate, and chromium were analyzed from 7 equipment blanks; cesium-137 was analyzed from 4 equipment blanks; and hexavalent chromium was analyzed from 3 equipment blanks. The radionuclides and chromium were not detected in any of the blanks, chloride was detected in four blanks, sodium in three blanks, and sulfate and hexavalent chromium were each detected in one blank. These detectable concentrations were not correlated with a specific type of equipment or sampling personnel, but three of the four chloride detections were from equipment blanks collected following collection of environmental samples at well PW 1 (PW 1 had measured chloride concentrations of 133 to 386 mg/L during 1996–2001).

Hexavalent chromium was detected in an equipment blank collected on October 28, 1996, at a concentration of  $2 \mu g/L$ . The same concentration was measured for the sourcesolution blank collected on the same day as the equipment blank, which indicates that the hexavalent chromium detected in the equipment blank probably is not from the portable sampling equipment.

The potential bias of chloride in environmental samples collected with portable sampling equipment was estimated from 12 chloride measurements from equipment blanks. The 12th (or m+1) ranked concentration (that is, the maximum measured concentration from the blanks) was 0.55 mg/L. Using a *p*-value of 0.8 (probability of success in table 14), it was estimated with a confidence level (*cl*) of 93 percent that at least 80 percent (100*p* percent) of the environmental samples had a chloride bias of less than 0.55 mg/L (table 14). Because the minimum chloride concentration from 365 chloride concentrations measured from environmental samples collected using portable sampling equipment was 3.1 mg/L, there is 93 percent confidence that at least 80 percent of these environmental samples had a potential bias of less than 18 percent.

The potential bias of sodium and sulfate in environmental samples collected with portable sampling equipment was estimated from seven measurements of each constituent from equipment blanks. The maximum measured concentration from the equipment blanks for sodium and sulfate was 0.73 and 0.57 mg/L, respectively. Using a p-value of 0.7, it was estimated with a confidence level of 91 percent that at least 70 percent of these environmental samples had a sodium bias of less than 0.73 mg/L and a sulfate bias of less than 0.57 mg/L. From 149 and 209 measurements of sodium and sulfate, respectively, the minimum sodium and sulfate concentrations measured from environmental samples collected using portable sampling equipment were 6.1 for sodium and 13 mg/L for sulfate (table 14). Consequently, there is 91 percent confidence that at least 70 percent of these environmental samples had a potential bias of less than 12 percent for sodium and less than 5 percent for sulfate.

# **Summary and Conclusions**

The U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy, has been studying the water quality of the eastern Snake River Plain aquifer at and near the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) since 1949. The INL extends over about 890 square miles of the eastern Snake River Plain in southeastern Idaho and overlies about 8 percent of the fractured basalt sole-source aquifer. The U.S. Geological Survey began routine collection of water-quality samples in 1964 to monitor the concentrations and delineate the movement of radiochemical and chemical wastes discharged to the subsurface at the INL.

Beginning in 1980, quality-control samples were routinely collected at groundwater and surface water sites to ensure and document the quality of the environmental data. Quality-control samples collected from 1996 to 2001 included 204 replicates and 27 blanks. Measurements from replicates were used to calculate the variability (as reproducibility and reliability) of environmental measurements of radiochemical, inorganic, and organic constituents due to sample collection and analysis. Measurements from field and equipment blanks were used to estimate the potential bias of selected constituents from (1) sample collection and analysis of environmental samples and (2) from cross contamination of environmental samples collected with portable sampling equipment.

Variability was calculated from paired measurements from replicates as the normalized absolute difference (NAD) for radiochemical constituents and the relative standard deviation (RSD) for inorganic and organic constituents. The NADs and RSDs, as well as paired measurements with censored or estimated concentrations for which RSDs were not calculated, were compared to specified criteria to determine if the paired measurements had acceptable reproducibility. If the percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility for a constituent was greater than or equal to 90 percent, then the reproducibility for that constituent was considered acceptable for the period 1996-2001. The percentage of paired measurements with acceptable reproducibility was greater than 90 percent for all of the constituents except orthophosphate (89 percent), zinc (80 percent), hexavalent chromium (53 percent), and total organic carbon (TOC) (38 percent). The low reproducibility for orthophosphate and zinc were attributed to calculation of RSDs from replicates with low concentrations of these constituents. The low reproducibility for hexavalent chromium was attributed to the inability to preserve hexavalent chromium after collection of the water sample, and the low reproducibility for TOC was attributed to high variability with the analytical method.

The reliability of radiochemical, inorganic, and organic measurements was estimated from pooled RSDs that were calculated for discrete concentration ranges for each constituent. For most constituents, pooled RSDs were inversely correlated with concentration and, as a result, pooled RSDs often were higher and reliability was lower at low concentrations. For example, pooled RSDs of 15-33 percent were calculated for low concentrations of gross-beta radioactivity, strontium-90, ammonia, nitrite, orthophosphate, nickel, selenium, zinc, tetrachloroethene, and toluene. Low pooled RSDs of 0-12 percent were calculated for all other concentration ranges of these constituents, and for all other constituents, except for one concentration range for gross-beta radioactivity, chloride, and nitrate + nitrite; two concentration ranges for hexavalent chromium; and for TOC. Pooled RSDs for the 50-60 picocuries per liter concentration range of grossbeta radioactivity (reported as cesium-137) and the 10-60 milligrams per liter (mg/L) concentration range of nitrate + nitrite (reported as nitrogen [N]) were 17 percent. Chloride had a pooled RSD of 14 percent for the 20 to less than 60 mg/L concentration range. High pooled RSDs of 40 and 51 percent were calculated for two concentration ranges for hexavalent chromium and of 60 percent for TOC.

Measurements from (1) field blanks were used to estimate the potential bias associated with environmental samples from sample collection and analysis, (2) equipment blanks were used to estimate the potential bias from cross contamination of samples collected from wells where portable sampling equipment was used, and (3) a source-solution blank were used to verify that the deionized water sourcesolution was free of the constituents of interest. If more than one measurement was available, the bias was estimated using order statistics and the binomial probability distribution. The source-solution blank had a detectable concentration of hexavalent chromium of 2 micrograms per liter. If this bias was from a source other than the source solution, then about 84 percent of the 117 hexavalent chromium measurements from environmental samples could have a bias of 10 percent or more. Fourteen field blanks were collected, and only chloride (0.2 mg/L) and ammonia (0.03 mg/L as N), in one blank each, had detectable concentrations. It was estimated with a confidence level of 95 percent that at least 80 percent of the 1,987 chloride concentrations measured from all environmental samples had a potential chloride bias of less than 8 percent. The ammonia bias, which may have occurred at the analytical laboratory, could produce a potential bias of 5-150 percent in eight potentially affected ammonia measurements. Twelve equipment blanks were collected, chloride was detected in four of these blanks, sodium in three blanks, and sulfate and hexavalent chromium were each detected in one blank. The concentration of hexavalent chromium in the equipment blank was the same

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concentration as in the source-solution blank collected on the same day, which indicates that the hexavalent chromium in the equipment blank is probably from a source other than the portable sampling equipment; for example, from the sample bottles or the source-solution water itself. The potential bias for chloride, sodium, and sulfate measurements was estimated for environmental samples collected using portable sampling equipment. For chloride, it was estimated with a confidence level of 93 percent that at least 80 percent of the measurements had a chloride bias of less than 18 percent. For sodium and sulfate, it was estimated with a confidence level of 91 percent that at least 70 percent of the measurements had a sodium or sulfate bias of less than 12 and 5 percent, respectively.

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# **Table 1.** Reporting levels and reporting level codes for constituents analyzed bythe U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Laboratory, 1996–2001.

[Abbreviations: mg/L, milligrams per liter, N, nitrogen, P, phosphorous, µg/L, micrograms per liter, MRL, minimum reporting level, LRL, laboratory reporting level]

| Constituent                   | Dates             | Reporting<br>level | Reporting<br>level code |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Sodium (mg/L)                 | 01-01-96-12-22-97 | 0.2                | MRL                     |
|                               | 12-12-97-09-30-98 | 0.1                | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-98-09-30-99 | 0.06               | LRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-99-10-17-00 | 0.09               | LRL                     |
|                               | 10-18-00-09-30-01 | 0.06               | LRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-01-12-31-01 | 0.09               | LRL                     |
| Chloride (mg/L)               | 01-01-96-09-30-99 | 0.1                | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-99-11-02-00 | 0.29               | LRL                     |
|                               | 11-03-00-09-30-01 | 0.08               | LRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-01-12-31-01 | 0.33               | LRL                     |
| Fluoride (mg/L)               | 01-01-96-10-15-00 | 0.1                | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-16-00-09-30-01 | 0.16               | LRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-01-12-31-01 | 0.11               | LRL                     |
| Sulfate (mg/L)                | 01-01-96-09-30-99 | 0.1                | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-99-11-02-00 | 0.31               | LRL                     |
|                               | 11-03-00-12-31-01 | 0.11               | LRL                     |
| Ammonia (mg/L as N)           | 01-01-96-11-13-97 | 0.015              | MRL                     |
|                               | 11-14-97-10-03-00 | 0.02               | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-04-00-12-31-01 | 0.041              | LRL                     |
| Nitrate + nitrite (mg/L as N) | 01-01-96-10-03-00 | 0.05               | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-04-00-12-31-01 | 0.047              | LRL                     |
| Nitrite (mg/L as N)           | 01-01-96-09-30-00 | 0.01               | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-00-09-30-01 | 0.006              | LRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-01-12-31-01 | 0.008              | LRL                     |
| Orthophosphate (mg/L as P)    | 01-01-96-10-03-00 | 0.01               | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-04-00-12-31-01 | 0.018              | LRL                     |
| Aluminum (µg/L)               | 01-01-96-12-31-01 | 1                  | MRL                     |
| Antimony (µg/L)               | 01-01-96-09-30-00 | 1                  | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-00-12-31-01 | 0.048              | LRL                     |
| Arsenic (µg/L)                | 01-01-96-09-30-99 | 1                  | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-99-09-30-01 | 2                  | LRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-01-12-31-01 | 1.8                | LRL                     |
| Barium (µg/L)                 | 01-01-96-12-31-01 | 1                  | MRL                     |
| Beryllium (µg/L)              | 01-01-96-09-26-00 | 1                  | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-00-12-31-01 | 0.06               | LRL                     |
| Cadmium (µg/L)                | 01-01-96-09-30-00 | 1                  | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-00-12-31-01 | 0.037              | LRL                     |
| Cobalt (µg/L)                 | 01-01-96-09-30-00 | 1                  | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-00-12-31-01 | 0.015              | LRL                     |
| Copper (µg/L)                 | 01-01-96-09-30-00 | 1                  | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-00-12-31-01 | 0.12               | LRL                     |
| Lead (µg/L)                   | 01-01-96-09-30-00 | 1                  | MRL                     |
|                               | 10-01-00-12-31-01 | 0.08               | LRL                     |

**Table 1.**Reporting levels and reporting level codes for constituents analyzedby the U.S. Geological Survey National Water Quality Laboratory, 1996–2001.Continued

[Abbreviations: mg/L, milligrams per liter, N, nitrogen, P, phosphorous, µg/L, micrograms per liter, MRL, minimum reporting level, LRL, laboratory reporting level]

| Constituent                  | Dates  | Reporting<br>level                | Reporting<br>level code                |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Manganese (µg/L)             | 01-01-96-09-30-00<br>10-01-00-12-31-01   | 1<br>0.1                          | MRL<br>MRL                             |
| Mercury (µg/L)               | 01-01-96-09-30-99<br>10-01-99-03-31-01<br>04-01-01-09-30-01<br>10-01-01-12-31-01   | 0.1<br>0.23<br>0.01<br>0.011      | MRL<br>LRL<br>MRL<br>LRL               |
| Molybdenum (µg/L)            | 01-01-96-09-26-00<br>10-01-00-12-31-01   | 1<br>0.2                          | MRL<br>LRL                             |
| Nickel (µg/L)                | 01-01-96-09-30-00<br>10-01-00-12-31-01   | 1<br>0.06                         | MRL<br>LRL                             |
| Selenium (µg/L)              | 01-01-96-09-26-99<br>10-01-99-09-30-01<br>10-01-01-12-31-01  | 1<br>2.4<br>2                     | MRL<br>LRL<br>LRL                      |
| Silver (µg/L)                | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 1                                 | MRL                                    |
| Thallium (µg/L)              | 01-01-96-11-20-00  | 0.5                               | MRL                                    |
| Uranium (µg/L)               | 01-01-96-09-26-00<br>10-01-00-12-31-01   | 1<br>0.018                        | MRL<br>LRL                             |
| Zinc (µg/L)                  | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 1                                 | MRL                                    |
| Chromium (µg/L)              | 01-01-96-12-22-97<br>12-23-97-09-30-98<br>10-01-98-10-17-00<br>10-18-00-12-31-01<br>01-01-96-09-30-99<br>10-01-99-05-14-01 | 5<br>14<br>14<br>10<br>1.0<br>0.4 | MRL<br>MRL<br>LRL<br>LRL<br>MRL<br>LRL |
| Hexavalent chromium (µg/L)   | 01-01-96-12-31-96  | 1                                 | MRL                                    |
| 1,1-dichlorethene (µg/L)     | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 0.1                               | MRL                                    |
| Tetrachloroethene (µg/L)     | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 0.2                               | MRL                                    |
| Tetrachloromethane (µg/L)    | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 0.2                               | MRL                                    |
| Toluene (µg/L)               | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 0.2                               | MRL                                    |
| 1,1,1-trichloroethane (µg/L) | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 0.2                               | MRL                                    |
| Trichloroethene (µg/L)       | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 0.2                               | MRL                                    |
| Trichloromethane (µg/L)      | 01-01-96-12-31-01  | 0.2                               | MRL                                    |
| Total organic carbon (mg/L)  | 01-01-96-09-30-99<br>10-01-99-10-19-00<br>10-20-00-12-31-01  | 0.1<br>0.27<br>0.6                | MRL<br>LRL<br>LRL                      |

Table 2.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for gross-alpha radioactivity, gross-betaradioactivity, and cesium-137 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory andvicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

| Site nome                              | Sample<br>collection | Gross-a<br>radioac    |       |                       | Gross-beta<br>radioactivity |                            | Cesium-137 |  |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--|
| Site name                              | date                 | (pCi/L as<br>Pu-239)  | (NAD) | (pCi/L as<br>Cs-137)  | (NAD)                       | (pCi/L)                    | (NAD)      |  |
| USGS 125                               | 01-09-96             | 1.4±0.9<br>1.4±0.9    | 0.00  | 6±2<br>4±2            | 0.71                        | 8±17<br>30±20              | 0.84       |  |
| USGS 87                                | 01-16-96             | _                     | _     |                       | -                           | 20±20<br>-10±20            | 1.06       |  |
| USGS 120                               | 01-17-96             | -                     | _     |                       | -                           | -20±40<br>0±20             | 0.45       |  |
| USGS 83                                | 04-01-96             | 1.7±0.9<br>2±1        | 0.22  | 2±2<br>5±2            | 1.06                        | 40±30<br>10±30             | 0.71       |  |
| USGS 34                                | 04-02-96             | 1.7±0.9<br>0.7±0.8    | 0.83  | 10±2<br>14±3          | 1.11                        | -15±26<br>-20±40           | 0.10       |  |
| USGS 5                                 | 04-10-96             | 2±1<br>1.4±0.9        | 0.46  | 10±2<br>14±3          | 1.11                        | -17±25<br>0±20             | 0.53       |  |
| USGS 117                               | 04-16-96             |                       | _     | -                     | -                           | -60±40<br>0±30             | 1.20       |  |
| USGS 9                                 | 04-16-96             | 1.4±0.9<br>0.3±0.8    | 0.91  | 3±2<br>2±2            | 0.35                        | 30±20<br>24±17             | 0.23       |  |
| USGS 109                               | 04-17-96             | 0.7±0.8<br>1±1        | 0.23  | 5±2<br>3±2            | 0.71                        | $0\pm 40$<br>15±22         | 0.33       |  |
| TRA Disposal                           | 04-18-96             | -                     | _     |                       | -                           | $20\pm 20$<br>$20\pm 40$   | 0.00       |  |
| Site 14                                | 04-24-96             | 2.4±1.1<br>2±1        | 0.20  | 6±2<br>2±2            | 1.41                        | 20±40<br>30±40<br>13±23    | 0.37       |  |
| Leo Rogers 1                           | 07-17-96             | 2±1<br>1±1<br>1±1     | 0.00  | $5\pm 2$<br>$2\pm 2$  | 1.06                        | 13±23<br>13±36<br>10±30    | 0.06       |  |
| Big Lost River near Arco (BLR nr Arco) | 10-07-96             | 0.3±0.8<br>2±1        | 1.33  | 2±2<br>2±2<br>1.1±2.1 | 0.31                        | 20±30<br>0±30              | 0.47       |  |
| No Name 1                              | 10-14-96             | 2±1<br>2±1<br>0.7±0.8 | 1.02  | 54±5<br>5±2           | 9.10                        | $10\pm 20$<br>-30 $\pm 30$ | 1.11       |  |
| USGS 27                                | 10-15-96             | 1±1<br>2±1            | 0.74  | 6±2<br>7±2            | 0.35                        | 0±20<br>-20±30             | 0.55       |  |
| USGS 77                                | 10-17-96             | 1.7±0.9<br>2.4±1.1    | 0.49  | 8±2<br>6±2            | 0.71                        | -10±30<br>-16±24           | 0.16       |  |
| USGS 38                                | 10-25-96             | 1±1<br>0.3±0.8        | 0.55  | 3±2<br>50±5           | 8.73                        | $-40\pm40$<br>$30\pm40$    | 1.24       |  |
| USGS 43                                | 10-28-96             | -                     | _     | -                     | _                           | -30±30<br>-30±40           | 0.00       |  |
| USGS 60                                | 04-02-97             | _                     | _     | _                     | -                           | -30±40<br>-30±20           | 0.00       |  |
| USGS 109                               | 04-03-97             | 1±1<br>1.4±0.9        | 0.30  | 3±2<br>2±2            | 0.35                        | -12±25<br>12±34            | 0.57       |  |
| USGS 86                                | 04-03-97             | 0.7±0.8<br>0.3±0.8    | 0.35  | $4\pm 2$<br>$3\pm 2$  | 0.35                        | $-30\pm30$<br>$-40\pm20$   | 0.28       |  |
| NPR Test                               | 04-08-97             | 0.3±0.8<br>0.7±0.8    | 0.35  | 3±2<br>3±2            | 0.00                        | 20±30<br>20±30             | 0.00       |  |

#### 22 Evaluation of Quality-Control Data Collected for Water-Quality Activities at the Idaho National Laboratory

**Table 2.**Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for gross-alpha radioactivity, gross-betaradioactivity, and cesium-137 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory andvicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| Site name   | Sample<br>collection | Gross-a<br>radioac   |       | Gross-<br>radioac                |       | Cesium-137                   |       |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
| Site name   | date                 | (pCi/L as<br>Pu-239) | (NAD) | (pCi/L as<br>Cs-137)             | (NAD) | (pCi/L)                      | (NAD) |
| Big Lost River at Experimental Dairy<br>Farm near Howe (BLR at exp dairy<br>farm nr Howe) | 04-09-97             | 1±1<br>1±1           | 0.00  | 2±2<br>2±2                       | 0.00  | -70±30<br>-20±20             | 1.39  |
| USGS 63   | 04-22-97             | _                    | _     | -                                | _     | 1±16<br>-11±24               | 0.42  |
| USGS 58   | 05-05-97             | _                    | _     | _                                | _     | -14±22<br>-30±20             | 0.54  |
| USGS 107  | 10-01-97             | 2.8±1.2<br>1.4±0.9   | 0.93  | 3±2<br>2±2                       | 0.35  | 0±30<br>30±20                | 0.83  |
| USGS 108  | 10-07-97             | 2.4±1.1<br>1.7±0.9   | 0.49  | 1.3±2.1<br>5±2                   | 1.28  | -10±21<br>20±20              | 1.03  |
| USGS 37   | 10-08-97             |                      | _     | _                                | _     | 0±30<br>13±29                | 0.31  |
| USGS 8  | 10-08-97             | 2±1<br>2±1           | 0.00  | 1.1±2.1<br>0±2                   | 0.38  | -30±30<br>70±40              | 2.00  |
| USGS 101  | 10-16-97             | 2±1<br>1±1           | 0.71  | 4±2<br>3±2                       | 0.35  | 0±20<br>0±20                 | 0.00  |
| ANP 9   | 10-27-97             | 0.7±0.8<br>2±1       | 1.02  | 3±2<br>3±2                       | 0.00  | -12±24<br>-20±40             | 0.17  |
| USGS 5  | 03-31-98             | 0.7±0.8<br>1.7±0.9   | 0.83  | 4±2<br>3±2                       | 0.35  | 40±40<br>12±36               | 0.52  |
| USGS 117  | 04-01-98             | -                    | —     | -                                | _     | -20±30<br>-20±30             | 0.00  |
| USGS 14   | 04-07-98             | 1±1<br>1±1           | 0.00  | 3±2<br>4±2                       | 0.35  | 40±40<br>40±40               | 0.00  |
| USGS 19   | 04-08-98             | 0.7±0.8<br>1.4±0.9   | 0.58  | 4±2<br>1.7±0.8                   | 1.07  | $13\pm36$<br>-14 $\pm25$     | 0.62  |
| USGS 7  | 04-13-98             | 1±1<br>1.7±0.9       | 0.52  | 6±2<br>2.9±0.9                   | 1.41  | 20±40<br>-50±40              | 1.24  |
| Highway 3   | 04-20-98             | 1.4±0.9<br>0.7±0.8   | 0.58  | 3±2<br>3.3±0.9                   | 0.14  | 0±40<br>-11±35               | 0.21  |
| USGS 65   | 04-28-98             | 1.4±0.9<br>2.1±1.0   | 0.52  | 4±2<br>6±2                       | 0.71  | 30±40<br>-10±30              | 0.80  |
| USGS 90   | 07-21-98             |                      | _     |                                  | _     | 10±20<br>4±40                | 0.13  |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98             | 1.7±0.9<br>2.4±1.1   | 0.49  | 3±2<br>3±2                       | 0.00  | 20±20<br>19±40               | 0.02  |
| USGS 1  | 10-20-98             | 0.7±0.8<br>0.7±0.8   | 0.00  | $3\pm 2$ $4\pm 2$                | 0.35  | $-30\pm40$<br>50±40          | 1.41  |
| USGS 110A   | 10-20-98             | 0.7±0.8<br>0.3±0.8   | 0.35  | $4\pm 2$<br>$4\pm 2$<br>$5\pm 2$ | 0.35  | 40±20<br>3±16                | 1.44  |
| USGS 76   | 10-22-98             | -                    | _     | _                                | _     | $-30\pm 20$<br>$0\pm 30$     | 0.83  |
| USGS 47   | 10-28-98             | _                    | _     | -                                | _     | $0\pm 30$<br>20±40<br>-10±20 | 0.67  |

 Table 2.
 Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for gross-alpha radioactivity, gross-beta

 radioactivity, and cesium-137 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and

 vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| Site name   | Sample<br>collection | Gross-a<br>radioac        |       |                      | Gross-beta<br>radioactivity |                            | Cesium-137 |  |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--|
| Site liame  | date                 | (pCi/L as<br>Pu-239)      | (NAD) | (pCi/L as<br>Cs-137) | (NAD)                       | (pCi/L)                    | (NAD)      |  |
| USGS 88   | 01-13-99             | _                         | _     | _                    | _                           | 16±40<br>-12±30            | 0.56       |  |
| USGS 40   | 01-19-99             | -                         | -     | -                    | -                           | 39±20<br>8±40              | 0.69       |  |
| USGS 83   | 04-01-99             | 0.7±0.8<br>1±1            | 0.25  | 3±2<br>3±2           | 0.00                        | -11±40<br>46±30            | 1.14       |  |
| USGS 12   | 04-05-99             | 1.4±0.9<br>1.7±0.9        | 0.24  | 2±2<br>1±2           | 0.18                        | $-2\pm30$<br>10±40         | 0.24       |  |
| EBR 1   | 04-13-99             | 1.7±0.9<br>1.7±0.9<br>1±1 | 0.55  | $3\pm 2$ $3\pm 2$    | 0.00                        | 8±20<br>-21±20             | 1.03       |  |
| USGS 61   | 04-13-99             | -                         | _     |                      | -                           | $10\pm 20$<br>-10 $\pm 20$ | 0.71       |  |
| PAND W 2  | 04-14-99             | 1±1<br>0.3±0.8            | 0.55  | 2±2<br>2±2           | 0.00                        | -19±40<br>-7±20            | 0.24       |  |
| Big Lost River below INL Diversion near<br>Arco (BLR blw INL div nr Arco) | 04-20-99             | 1±0.9<br>0.7±0.8          | 0.25  | 2±2<br>3±2           | 0.35                        | 10±30<br>21±30             | 0.26       |  |
| PW 2  | 04-22-99             | -                         | _     | _                    | _                           | 30±30<br>-31±20            | 1.69       |  |
| USGS 46   | 04-22-99             | -                         | —     | _                    | —                           | 49±30<br>23±30             | 0.61       |  |
| CPP 1   | 04-26-99             | 0.3±0.8<br>1.7±0.9        | 1.16  | 5±2<br>6±2           | 0.35                        | 25±10<br>-14±20            | 1.74       |  |
| USGS 11   | 10-07-99             | 1.0±0.8<br>0.3±0.6        | 0.70  | 2±2<br>4±2           | 0.71                        | 30±30<br>20±20             | 0.28       |  |
| Big Lost River below Mackay Reservoir<br>(BLR blw Mackay Reservoir)       | 10-07-99             | 2±1<br>1±1                | 0.71  | 1±2<br>2±2           | 0.35                        | -30±20<br>-30±40           | 0.00       |  |
| USGS 34   | 10-14-99             | 0.7±0.7<br>1.0±0.8        | 0.28  | 10±2<br>10±3         | 0.00                        | -10±20<br>-20±30           | 0.28       |  |
| USGS 50   | 10-20-99             | -                         | _     | _                    | _                           | 20±20<br>-17±29            | 1.05       |  |
| USGS 58   | 10-21-99             | -                         | —     | _                    | —                           | -30±30<br>-10±20           | 0.55       |  |
| USGS 105  | 10-25-99             | 1.0±0.8<br>1.0±0.9        | 0.00  | 4±2<br>5±2           | 0.35                        | 52±33<br>13±19             | 1.02       |  |
| USGS 23   | 10-27-99             | 2.0±0.9<br>1.0±0.9        | 0.79  | 6±2<br>3±2           | 1.06                        | 12±31<br>-20±30            | 0.74       |  |
| PSTF Test   | 04-04-00             | 2±1<br>1±1                | 0.71  | 5±2<br>5±2           | 0.00                        | -16±23<br>-20±30           | 0.11       |  |
| USGS 98   | 04-04-00             | 1±1<br>0.3±0.6            | 0.65  | 3±2<br>5±2           | 0.71                        | 28±16<br>10±30             | 0.53       |  |
| USGS 12   | 04-05-00             | 0.7±0.7<br>1±1            | 0.28  | 3±2<br>4±2           | 0.35                        | 10±20<br>-30±30            | 1.11       |  |
| USGS 119  | 04-06-00             |                           | -     | _                    | _                           | 30±30<br>0±20              | 0.83       |  |
| USGS 125  | 04-11-00             | 1±0.8<br>1±0.8            | 0.00  | 3±2<br>4±2           | 0.35                        | 0±20<br>0±20               | 0.00       |  |

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 Table 2.
 Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for gross-alpha radioactivity, gross-beta

 radioactivity, and cesium-137 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and

 vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| <b>6</b> :40 mm | Sample             | Gross-a<br>radioac   |       | Gross-<br>radioac    |       | Cesium-137               |       |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Site name       | collection<br>date | (pCi/L as<br>Pu-239) | (NAD) | (pCi/L as<br>Cs-137) | (NAD) | (pCi/L)                  | (NAD) |
| USGS 26         | 04-12-00           | 1±1<br>1±1           | 0.00  | 3±2<br>5±2           | 0.71  | -50±30<br>30±20          | 2.22  |
| USGS 27         | 04-12-00           | 2±1<br>0.7±0.7       | 1.07  | 3±2<br>4±2           | 0.35  | 10±20<br>0±20            | 0.35  |
| USGS 97         | 09-27-00           | 1±1<br>0.0±0.6       | 0.92  | 3±2<br>3±2           | 0.00  | 10±30<br>10±30           | 0.00  |
| USGS 58         | 10-04-00           | -                    | _     | _                    | _     | 10±30<br>40±30           | 0.71  |
| USGS 11         | 10-05-00           | 1±1<br>0.3±0.6       | 0.70  | 3±2<br>2±2           | 0.35  | -20±20<br>-11±22         | 0.30  |
| USGS 57         | 10-05-00           |                      | —     |                      | _     | $20\pm 40$<br>$60\pm 30$ | 0.80  |
| USGS 77         | 10-06-00           | 0.7±0.7<br>0.3±0.6   | 0.43  | 10±3<br>10±3         | 0.00  | 11±25<br>30±40           | 0.40  |
| USGS 50         | 10-10-00           | -                    | _     | _                    | _     | 10±30<br>10±30           | 0.00  |
| RWMC M13S       | 10-17-00           | 0.7±0.7<br>0.7±0.7   | 0.00  | 4±2<br>4±2           | 0.00  | 0±30<br>0±40             | 0.00  |
| USGS 88         | 01-23-01           | -                    | _     | _                    | _     | 30±30<br>20±20           | 0.28  |
| USGS 73         | 04-02-01           | -                    | —     | _                    | _     | 56±39<br>20±20           | 0.82  |
| USGS 103        | 04-04-01           | 0.0±0.6<br>1±1       | 1.00  | 1.4±2.1<br>2.5±2.2   | 0.35  | -11±35<br>10±40          | 0.40  |
| USGS 17         | 04-04-01           | 0.3±0.6<br>1±1       | 0.70  | 1.5±2.1<br>5.2±2.3   | 1.16  | -10±20<br>20±30          | 0.83  |
| Site 14         | 04-05-01           | 0.7±0.7<br>2±1       | 1.07  | 1±2<br>2±2           | 0.35  | 50±33<br>0±20            | 1.30  |
| USGS 9          | 04-11-01           | 1±1<br>0.7±0.7       | 0.28  | 3.2±2.2<br>1±2       | 0.74  | 0±30<br>-20±30           | 0.47  |
| PW 4            | 04-12-01           | _                    | _     |                      | _     | 20±30<br>20±16           | 0.00  |
| RWMC M14S       | 04-17-01           | 0.3±0.6<br>1.4±0.9   | 1.02  | 2±2<br>2.7±2.2       | 0.24  | -30±20<br>10±30          | 1.11  |
| USGS 127        | 04-18-01           | 1.4±0.9<br>0.7±0.7   | 0.61  | 2±2<br>3.4±2.2       | 0.47  | -10±30<br>15±14          | 0.76  |
| USGS 44         | 04-24-01           | _                    | _     | _                    | _     | 30±30<br>15±20           | 0.42  |
| CFA LF 2-10     | 04-30-01           | 0.0±0.6<br>0.3±0.6   | 0.35  | 5.1±2.3<br>3.5±2.2   | 0.50  | 15±30<br>0±40            | 0.30  |
| USGS 84         | 04-30-01           | 1±1<br>1±1           | 0.00  | -1.6±2.0<br>1.3±2.1  | 1.00  | -20±40<br>-30±50         | 0.16  |
| USGS 126A       | 07-10-01           | 1±1<br>1.4±0.9       | 0.33  | 4±2<br>1.3±2.0       | 0.95  | 30±30<br>0±40            | 0.60  |

 Table 2.
 Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for gross-alpha radioactivity, gross-beta

 radioactivity, and cesium-137 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and

 vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| 0.4       | Sample             | Gross-alpha<br>radioactivity |       | Gross-beta<br>radioactivity |       | Cesium-137 |       |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (pCi/L as<br>Pu-239)         | (NAD) | (pCi/L as<br>Cs-137)        | (NAD) |            | (NAD) |
| USGS 126B | 07-10-01           | 0.3±0.6                      | 0.35  | 1.1±2.0                     | 1.03  |            | 1.65  |
|           |                    | $0.0\pm0.6$                  |       | 4±2                         |       | 50±30      |       |
| USGS 120  | 07-12-01           | —                            | _     | -                           | -     | 10±30      | 0.20  |
|           |                    | _                            |       | _                           |       | 20±40      |       |
| USGS 38   | 10-11-01           | $0.7\pm0.7$                  | 0.28  | 45±4                        | 1.87  | 40±20      | 0.28  |
|           |                    | 1±1                          |       | 57±5                        |       | 30±30      |       |
| USGS 43   | 10-22-01           | _                            | _     | _                           | _     | 20±30      | 0.07  |
|           |                    | -                            |       | -                           |       | 17±34      |       |

 Table 3.
 Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 from

 replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

[Locations of sites are shown in figures 1-4. Uncertainties are  $1\sigma$  combined standard uncertainties. Abbreviations: pCi/L, picocuries per liter; NAD, normalized absolute difference; –, no data]

| Site name       | Sample<br>collection<br>date | Tritiu                   | m     | Strontium-90         |       |  |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--|
|                 |                              | (pCi/L)                  | (NAD) | (pCi/L)              | (NAD) |  |
| JSGS 103        | 01-02-96                     | 50±80<br>180±80          | 1.15  |                      | _     |  |
| JSGS 125        | 01-09-96                     | 190±80<br>180±80         | 0.09  | _                    | _     |  |
| RWMC Production | 01-16-96                     | 1,500±200<br>1,900±200   | 1.41  | 0±0.8<br>-1.4±1.6    | 0.78  |  |
| JSGS 87         | 01-16-96                     | 1,400±200<br>1,600±200   | 0.71  | -2.5±1.2<br>0.4±1.6  | 1.45  |  |
| JSGS 120        | 01-17-96                     | 300±200<br>300±200       | 0.00  | -1.8±1.2<br>-0.7±1.6 | 0.55  |  |
| JSGS 112        | 01-18-96                     | 14,800±700<br>15,500±700 | 0.71  | 21.2±1.3<br>-1±3     | 6.79  |  |
| JSGS 83         | 04-01-96                     | -90±90<br>-150±90        | 0.47  | _                    | _     |  |
| JSGS 34         | 04-02-96                     | 3,400±300<br>3,800±300   | 0.94  | 1.5±0.9<br>1.5±0.9   | 0.00  |  |
| JSGS 79         | 04-02-96                     | -100±200<br>100±200      | 0.71  | _                    | -     |  |
| CFA 2           | 04-03-96                     | 14,700±700<br>14,500±700 | 0.20  | 0±3<br>-1.2±0.9      | 0.38  |  |
| Atomic City     | 04-04-96                     | -90±90<br>-100±200       | 0.05  | _                    | _     |  |
| JSGS 5          | 04-10-96                     | -120±190<br>-100±200     | 0.07  | _                    | _     |  |
| JSGS 20         | 04-11-96                     | 7,100±400<br>7,400±400   | 0.53  | 0±0.7<br>0±0.7       | 0.00  |  |
| JSGS 117        | 04-16-96                     | 0±200<br>0±200           | 0.00  | 0.6±0.7<br>-1±1      | 1.62  |  |
| JSGS 9          | 04-16-96                     | -50±90<br>40±90          | 0.71  |                      | _     |  |
| /ITR Test       | 04-17-96                     | 2,000±300<br>2,200±300   | 0.47  | -                    | _     |  |
| JSGS 109        | 04-17-96                     | 70±90<br>70±90           | 0.00  | _                    | _     |  |
| 'RA Disposal    | 04-18-96                     | 6,800±400<br>6,600±400   | 0.35  | 0.5±0.7<br>-0.7±0.8  | 1.13  |  |
| JSGS 52         | 04-22-96                     | 6,000±400<br>6,100±400   | 0.18  | 11±1<br>13.5±1.1     | 1.68  |  |
| ITE 14          | 04-24-96                     | 0±200                    | 0.40  | _                    | _     |  |

**Table 3.**Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

Strontium-90 Sample Tritium Site name collection (pCi/L) (NAD) (pCi/L) (NAD) date 07-17-96  $160 \pm 80$ 0.09 Leo Rogers 1  $150\pm80$ IET 1 Disposal 300±200 0.91 07-18-96 0.71 1.1±0.7 500±200  $0.2\pm0.7$ TRA 1 07-18-96  $100 \pm 200$ 0.71 \_  $-100 \pm 200$ \_ TRA 3 07-18-96  $300 \pm 200$ 0.71 \_  $100 \pm 200$ ANP 6 07-19-96 200±200 1.41  $0.5\pm0.7$ 0.57  $600 \pm 200$  $0\pm1$ RWMC M3S 07-22-96 2,000±300 0.47 -1±1 1.15  $2,200{\pm}300$  $0.3\pm0.8$ USGS 66 07-25-96  $5,100\pm400$ 0.53  $0.6\pm0.8$ 0.27  $5,400 \pm 400$  $0.9\pm0.8$ USGS 72 07-30-96  $0\pm 200$ 0.35  $0.12\pm0.75$ 0.98  $100 \pm 200$ 1.2±0.8 Big Lost River near Arco (BLR nr Arco) 10-07-96  $-300\pm200$ 0.71 \_  $-500\pm 200$ Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn near Reno  $-300\pm200$ 10-08-96 1.77 \_ (BC at Blue Dome nr Reno)  $200\pm200$ No Name 1 10-14-96  $-150\pm220$ 0.50 -0.7±0.7 1.21  $-300\pm200$  $0.5\pm0.7$ USGS 27 10-15-96  $-150\pm220$ 0.84  $-400\pm200$ \_ SPERT 1 10-16-96 0.85 150±230 \_  $-120\pm220$ USGS 77 10-17-96 24,000±1000 0.14  $1.4\pm0.7$ 0.91 24,200±1000 0.5±0.7 USGS 48 10-21-96  $10,300\pm500$ 0.28 31±2 0.00  $10,100\pm500$ 31±2 PW 3 10-23-96  $140\pm 220$ 0.20  $1.4\pm0.8$ 0.35  $200 \pm 200$  $1\pm1$ USGS 73 10-23-96 78,200±2700 0.29 0.3±0.7 0.40 77,100±2700 0.7±0.7 **USGS 38** 10-25-96  $11,800\pm600$ 0.12 26±1 0.05 11,900±600 26.1±1.4 USGS 43 1.3±0.7 10-28-96  $4,400\pm400$ 0.35 0.19  $4,600 \pm 400$  $1.5\pm0.8$ **USGS 113** 0.18 12.6±1.1 0.64 01-09-97  $9,200 \pm 400$ 

 $9,300 \pm 400$ 

13.6±1.1

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**Table 3.**Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

[Locations of sites are shown in figures 1-4. Uncertainties are  $1\sigma$  combined standard uncertainties. Abbreviations: pCi/L, picocuries per liter; NAD, normalized absolute difference; –, no data]

| 0.4   | Sample             | Tritiu                 | m     | Strontium-90         |       |  |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--|
| Site name   | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                | (NAD) | (pCi/L)              | (NAD) |  |
| USGS 54   | 01-23-97           | 1,900±200<br>1,700±200 | 0.71  | 119±4<br>111±4       | 1.41  |  |
| USGS 60   | 04-02-97           | 410±130<br>550±130     | 0.76  | 6.6±0.9<br>5.8±0.9   | 0.63  |  |
| USGS 109  | 04-03-97           | 80±50<br>20±50         | 0.85  | -                    | _     |  |
| USGS 86   | 04-03-97           | 0±50<br>-20±50         | 0.28  | _                    | _     |  |
| CPP 5   | 04-08-97           | 0±110<br>-80±100       | 0.54  | 0.2±0.7<br>-0.5±0.7  | 0.71  |  |
| NPR Test  | 04-08-97           | -170±100<br>-120±100   | 0.35  |                      | _     |  |
| USGS 41   | 04-08-97           | 1,700±200<br>1,700±200 | 0.00  | 13±1<br>13±1         | 0.00  |  |
| USGS 42   | 04-08-97           | 4,500±300<br>4,900±300 | 0.94  | 21.7±1.4<br>19±1     | 1.41  |  |
| Big Lost River at Experimental Dairy<br>Farm near Howe (BLR at exp dairy<br>farm nr Howe) | 04-09-97           | -150±100<br>10±110     | 1.08  | _                    | _     |  |
| USGS 124  | 04-10-97           | 60±50<br>120±50        | 0.85  | -                    | _     |  |
| USGS 63   | 04-22-97           | 530±130<br>620±130     | 0.49  | 4.3±0.8<br>4.1±0.9   | 0.17  |  |
| USGS 104  | 04-29-97           | 1,650±90<br>1,570±90   | 0.63  | _                    | _     |  |
| USGS 58   | 05-05-97           | 3,900±300<br>3,500±200 | 1.11  | -0.4±0.7<br>-1.1±0.7 | 0.71  |  |
| USGS 6  | 07-01-97           | -110±110<br>-60±110    | 0.32  | -0.6±0.7<br>1.1±0.7  | 1.72  |  |
| USGS 82   | 07-02-97           | 580±140<br>960±150     | 1.85  | 0.1±0.7<br>0.8±0.7   | 0.73  |  |
| USGS 32   | 07-08-97           | 20±110<br>-20±110      | 0.26  | -0.3±0.7<br>1.4±0.7  | 1.72  |  |
| CWP 1   | 07-15-97           | 130±120<br>-30±110     | 0.98  | -0.2±0.7<br>0.8±0.7  | 1.01  |  |
| Badging Facility  | 07-22-97           | -10±110<br>-30±110     | 0.13  | 0.3±0.7<br>-0.1±0.7  | 0.40  |  |
| USGS 107  | 10-01-97           | -40±40<br>20±50        | 0.94  | _                    | _     |  |
| USGS 108  | 10-07-97           | 110±50<br>110±50       | 0.00  |                      | _     |  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.Continued

| procures per ner, NAD, normalized a | Sample             | Tritiu                   | m     | Strontium-90         |       |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--|
| Site name                           | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                  | (NAD) | (pCi/L)              | (NAD) |  |
| USGS 39                             | 10-07-97           | 2,500±200<br>3,100±200   | 2.12  | -0.6±0.5<br>-0.1±0.8 | 0.53  |  |
| USGS 37                             | 10-08-97           | 10,200±500<br>11,600±500 | 1.98  | 9.9±1.2<br>8.9±1.2   | 0.65  |  |
| USGS 8                              | 10-08-97           | 30±50<br>50±50           | 0.28  | -                    | -     |  |
| USGS 101                            | 10-16-97           | 40±110<br>-50±100        | 0.61  | _                    | -     |  |
| PW 8                                | 10-21-97           | 580±130<br>690±140       | 0.58  | 19±1<br>19.5±1.3     | 0.30  |  |
| SITE 4                              | 10-21-97           | 40±110<br>10±110         | 0.19  | _                    | _     |  |
| USGS 67                             | 10-21-97           | 11,800±500<br>13,700±600 | 2.43  | 16±1.5<br>17±1.5     | 0.47  |  |
| USGS 115                            | 10-22-97           | 3,100±200<br>3,800±300   | 1.94  | -0.1±0.5<br>0.6±0.5  | 0.99  |  |
| ANP 9                               | 10-27-97           | 180±120<br>70±110        | 0.68  | -1.2±1.2<br>0.7±0.7  | 1.37  |  |
| USGS 51                             | 10-27-97           | 16,300±700<br>17,600±700 | 1.31  | -0.5±0.6<br>0.8±0.8  | 1.30  |  |
| USGS 119                            | 01-13-98           | -180±110<br>-140±110     | 0.26  | 0±1<br>0.6±0.5       | 0.77  |  |
| USGS 104                            | 01-15-98           | 1,520±90<br>1,690±90     | 1.34  | _                    | _     |  |
| USGS 114                            | 01-22-98           | 16,800±700<br>20,100±800 | 3.10  | 1.3±0.5<br>1.3±0.5   | 0.00  |  |
| PW 1                                | 01-26-98           | 0±120<br>40±120          | 0.24  | 0.5±0.6<br>1.3±0.5   | 1.02  |  |
| USGS 5                              | 03-31-98           | -100±110<br>-50±110      | 0.32  |                      | _     |  |
| USGS 117                            | 04-01-98           | -60±110<br>-110±110      | 0.32  | 0.9±1.6<br>-0.6±0.6  | 0.88  |  |
| USGS 121                            | 04-02-98           | -80±110<br>20±110        | 0.64  | -0.6±0.6<br>-0.7±0.6 | 0.12  |  |
| USGS 106                            | 04-06-98           | 1,380±90<br>1,400±90     | 0.16  | -                    | _     |  |
| USGS 111                            | 04-06-98           | 7,000±400<br>7,100±400   | 0.18  | -0.2±0.6<br>-1.1±0.7 | 0.98  |  |
| USGS 14                             | 04-07-98           | -30±50<br>-60±50         | 0.42  | _                    | -     |  |
|                                     |                    |                          |       |                      |       |  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| Site name                               | collection |                          |       |                      |       |
|---|------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
|   | date       | (pCi/L)                  | (NAD) | (pCi/L)              | (NAD) |
| SGS 19                                  | 04-08-98   | -150±110<br>-90±110      | 0.39  |                      | _     |
| SGS 7                                   | 04-13-98   | 10±110<br>-100±110       | 0.71  | 0.9±0.6<br>0.3±0.6   | 0.71  |
| ighway 3                                | 04-20-98   | -40±110<br>100±120       | 0.86  |                      | _     |
| rbor Test                               | 04-22-98   | 10±110<br>-70±110        | 0.51  |                      | _     |
| SGS 65                                  | 04-28-98   | 17,600±700<br>17,000±700 | 0.61  | 0.2±0.4<br>-8±3      | 2.71  |
| SGS 85                                  | 04-28-98   | 6,000±300<br>5,700±300   | 0.71  | 2.1±0.6<br>-0.5±1.4  | 1.71  |
| SGS 69                                  | 07-01-98   | 50±110<br>-120±100       | 1.14  | 0±1<br>-0.5±0.6      | 0.54  |
| WMC M3S                                 | 07-07-98   | 1,600±200<br>1,600±200   | 0.00  | -0.2±0.6<br>0.1±0.6  | 0.35  |
| SGS 18                                  | 07-20-98   | 10±110<br>10±110         | 0.00  | 0.5±0.6<br>1.3±0.6   | 0.94  |
| RA 4                                    | 07-21-98   | -70±110<br>50±110        | 0.77  |                      | _     |
| SGS 90                                  | 07-21-98   | 1,380±170<br>1,440±170   | 0.25  | 0.5±0.7<br>1.3±0.8   | 0.75  |
| SGS 2                                   | 07-22-98   | 10±110<br>20±110         | 0.06  | 1.2±0.6<br>1±1       | 0.24  |
| SGS 36                                  | 07-22-98   | 6,500±300<br>5,300±300   | 2.83  | 6.5±0.6<br>13.6±0.7  | 7.70  |
| PP 2                                    | 09-30-98   | 30±110<br>10±110         | 0.13  | 0.4±0.5<br>-0.1±0.5  | 0.71  |
| Iud Lake near Terreton (ML nr Terreton) | 10-06-98   | 160±120<br>-40±110       | 1.23  | _                    | _     |
| SGS 97                                  | 10-14-98   | 110±110<br>180±120       | 0.43  | -1±1<br>0.7±0.8      | 1.50  |
| SGS 35                                  | 10-15-98   | 1,900±200<br>1,800±200   | 0.35  | 1.6±0.6<br>1.2±0.6   | 0.47  |
| SGS 1                                   | 10-20-98   | 40±50<br>-50±50          | 1.27  | _                    | _     |
| SGS 110A                                | 10-20-98   | 10±50<br>-13±48          | 0.33  | _                    | _     |
| SGS 123                                 | 10-20-98   | 13,900±600<br>14,000±600 | 0.12  | 30.9±1.3<br>30.5±1.4 | 0.21  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|   | Sample             | Tritiu                  | m     | Strontium-90       |       |  |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--|
| Site name   | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                 | (NAD) | (pCi/L)            | (NAD) |  |
| WS INEL 1   | 10-20-98           | 80±110<br>0±110         | 0.51  |                    | _     |  |
| USGS 76   | 10-22-98           | 2,000±200<br>2,000±200  | 0.00  | 1.4±0.8<br>0.5±0.8 | 0.80  |  |
| PW 6  | 10-27-98           | 9,700±500<br>10,100±500 | 0.57  | 0±1<br>0.5±0.6     | 0.59  |  |
| USGS 47   | 10-28-98           | 4,600±300<br>4,800±300  | 0.47  | 41±2<br>43.9±1.6   | 1.32  |  |
| USGS 68   | 12-01-98           | 540±130<br>40±110       | 2.94  | 0.7±0.5<br>1.1±0.5 | 0.57  |  |
| USGS 88   | 01-13-99           | 0±120<br>-100±120       | 0.59  | 1.1±0.8<br>1.1±0.8 | 0.00  |  |
| USGS 40   | 01-19-99           | 2,200±200<br>2,000±200  | 0.71  | 15±1<br>15±1       | 0.00  |  |
| USGS 99   | 03-31-99           | 30±120<br>-230±100      | 1.66  | -                  | _     |  |
| USGS 79   | 04-01-99           | 770±150<br>610±140      | 0.78  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 83   | 04-01-99           | -50±50<br>11±50         | 0.86  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 12   | 04-05-99           | -30±110<br>50±120       | 0.49  | _                  | _     |  |
| EBR 1   | 04-13-99           | -40±110<br>10±110       | 0.32  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 61   | 04-13-99           | 8,100±400<br>8,400±400  | 0.53  | 0.5±0.8<br>1.6±0.8 | 0.97  |  |
| PAND W 2  | 04-14-99           | -60±110<br>0±110        | 0.39  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 100  | 04-19-99           | -110±110<br>-140±110    | 0.19  | _                  | _     |  |
| Big Lost River below INL Diversion near<br>Arco (BLR blw INL div nr Arco) | 04-20-99           | 120±120<br>-60±110      | 1.11  | _                  | _     |  |
| PW 2  | 04-22-99           | 130±120<br>140±120      | 0.06  | 2±1<br>2±1         | 0.00  |  |
| USGS 46   | 04-22-99           | 760±150<br>800±150      | 0.19  | 9.1±0.8<br>9.8±0.8 | 0.62  |  |
| CPP 1   | 04-26-99           | 90±120<br>40±120        | 0.29  | 0.1±0.7<br>0.5±0.7 | 0.40  |  |
| CWP 3   | 06-30-99           | 10±120<br>30±120        | 0.12  | 1.8±0.7<br>1.0±0.8 | 0.75  |  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| picocuries per liter; NAD, normalized absolute o                    | Sample             | Tritiu                     | m     | Strontium-90           |       |  |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|--|
| Site name   | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                    | (NAD) | (pCi/L)                | (NAD) |  |
| USGS 22   | 07-07-99           | 50±120<br>120±120          | 0.41  | _                      | _     |  |
| SPERT 1   | 07-08-99           | -50±110<br>80±120          | 0.80  | _                      | _     |  |
| RWMC M7S  | 07-12-99           | 1,400±200<br>1,400±200     | 0.00  | 1.2±0.7<br>0.6±0.8     | 0.56  |  |
| USGS 15   | 07-13-99           | 10±120<br>80±120           | 0.41  | -0.3±0.8<br>0.2±0.7    | 0.47  |  |
| TRA 1   | 07-21-99           | -50±110<br>-30±110         | 0.13  | _                      | _     |  |
| PW 4  | 10-06-99           | 480±150<br>460±150         | 0.09  | 3.4±0.8<br>3.8±0.8     | 0.35  |  |
| USGS 114  | 10-06-99           | 16,600±700<br>17,600±700   | 1.01  | 0.6±0.7<br>0.6±0.8     | 0.00  |  |
| USGS 11   | 10-07-99           | -40±50<br>-20±50           | 0.28  | _                      | _     |  |
| Big Lost River below Mackay Reservoir<br>(BLR blw MacKay Reservoir) | 10-07-99           | -100±130                   | 0.22  | _                      | _     |  |
|   |                    | -60±130                    |       | _                      |       |  |
| USGS 20   | 10-14-99           | 7,600±400<br>7,100±400     | 0.88  | -0.1±0.8<br>0.3±0.7    | 0.37  |  |
| USGS 34   | 10-14-99           | 1,500±200<br>1,400±200     | 0.35  | 3.1±0.8<br>3.4±0.8     | 0.27  |  |
| CFA 1   | 10-20-99           | 13,900±600<br>14,000±600   | 0.12  | 0.4±0.8<br>0.7±0.7     | 0.28  |  |
| USGS 50   | 10-20-99           | 35,200±1300<br>34,600±1300 | 0.33  | 204±5<br>210±5         | 0.85  |  |
| USGS 58   | 10-21-99           | 1,600±200<br>1,600±200     | 0.00  | 0.8±0.8<br>1±1         | 0.19  |  |
| PW 5  | 10-25-99           | -50±130<br>0±100           | 0.30  | 2.3±0.8<br>2.1±0.8     | 0.18  |  |
| USGS 105  | 10-25-99           | 150±60<br>100±50           | 0.64  | _                      | _     |  |
| USGS 121  | 10-25-99           | 40±130<br>80±140           | 0.21  | -0.5±0.8<br>1.1±0.8    | 1.41  |  |
| USGS 52   | 10-25-99           | 2,300±200<br>2,300±200     | 0.00  | 6.5±0.8<br>6.6±0.8     | 0.09  |  |
| USGS 23   | 10-27-99           | -130±130<br>10±130         | 0.76  | _                      | _     |  |
| RWMC Production   | 01-13-00           | 1,330±170<br>1,290±170     | 0.17  | 0.79±0.73<br>0.84±0.74 | 0.04  |  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|  | Sample             | Tritiu                 | m     | Strontium-90       |       |  |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--|
| Site name                                    | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                | (NAD) | (pCi/L)            | (NAD) |  |
| CFA 2  | 01-19-00           | 9,700±500<br>9,900±500 | 0.28  |                    | _     |  |
| USGS 89                                      | 01-20-00           | -30±110<br>-140±100    | 0.74  | 1.1±0.8<br>0.6±0.7 | 0.47  |  |
| PSTF Test                                    | 04-04-00           | -140±110<br>-180±110   | 0.26  | 1±1<br>0.3±0.8     | 0.55  |  |
| USGS 98                                      | 04-04-00           | -80±120<br>-170±110    | 0.55  | 0.7±0.7<br>1.1±0.9 | 0.35  |  |
| USGS 12                                      | 04-05-00           | -80±120<br>-90±120     | 0.06  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 119                                     | 04-06-00           | -170±110<br>-150±110   | 0.13  | 1.1±0.7<br>1.1±0.8 | 0.00  |  |
| MTR Test                                     | 04-10-00           | -120±110<br>-40±120    | 0.49  | _                  | _     |  |
| Atomic City                                  | 04-11-00           | -50±50<br>-130±110     | 0.66  | _                  | _     |  |
| Little Lost River near Howe<br>(LLR nr Howe) | 04-11-00           | -140±110<br>-150±110   | 0.06  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 125                                     | 04-11-00           | -100±110<br>-90±120    | 0.06  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 26                                      | 04-12-00           | -210±110<br>-170±110   | 0.26  | 2±1<br>1.8±0.8     | 0.23  |  |
| USGS 27                                      | 04-12-00           | -170±110<br>-160±110   | 0.06  | _                  | _     |  |
| USGS 102                                     | 07-10-00           | -60±110<br>80±120      | 0.86  | 1.7±0.7<br>0.7±0.8 | 0.94  |  |
| USGS 31                                      | 07-10-00           | 0±120<br>60±120        | 0.35  | 1.3±0.7<br>0.6±0.8 | 0.66  |  |
| Badging Facility                             | 07-13-00           | -10±120<br>40±120      | 0.29  | 2±1<br>0.6±0.7     | 1.32  |  |
| RWMC Production                              | 07-13-00           | 1,500±200<br>1,400±200 | 0.35  | 0.8±0.7<br>0.7±0.8 | 0.09  |  |
| SITE 19                                      | 07-13-00           | 620±150<br>380±130     | 1.21  | _                  | _     |  |
| CWP 2  | 07-17-00           | 30±120<br>10±120       | 0.12  | 0.4±0.7<br>0±1     | 0.40  |  |
| Area 2                                       | 07-18-00           | -60±110<br>0±120       | 0.37  | 1.8±0.8<br>1±1     | 0.71  |  |
| USGS 66                                      | 07-25-00           | 2,600±200<br>2,600±200 | 0.00  | 0.7±0.9<br>0.3±0.8 | 0.33  |  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|   | Sample             | Tritiur                       | n     | Strontium-90        |       |  |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|--|
| Site name   | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                       | (NAD) | (pCi/L)             | (NAD) |  |
| USGS 62   | 09-27-00           | 160±130<br>50±120             | 0.62  | 2.9±0.9<br>3.3±0.9  | 0.31  |  |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00           | -150±110<br>-130±120          | 0.12  | 1.3±0.7<br>-0.1±0.7 | 1.41  |  |
| USGS 82   | 09-28-00           | -210±110<br>0±120             | 1.29  | 0.4±0.9<br>1.1±0.9  | 0.55  |  |
| USGS 58   | 10-04-00           | 1,200±200<br>1,050±170        | 0.57  | -0.7±0.7<br>0.7±0.7 | 1.41  |  |
| USGS 60   | 10-04-00           | 120±130<br>130±130            | 0.05  | 8±1<br>7±1          | 0.71  |  |
| USGS 11   | 10-05-00           | 11.6±53.1<br>-13.9±52.5       | 0.34  | _                   | _     |  |
| USGS 124  | 10-05-00           | 180±60<br>210±60              | 0.35  | _                   | _     |  |
| USGS 57   | 10-05-00           | 5,600±300<br>6,400±400        | 1.60  | 15.7±0.9<br>17±1    | 0.74  |  |
| USGS 77   | 10-06-00           | 11,800±500<br>13,300±600      | 1.92  | 1.6±0.7<br>2±1      | 0.40  |  |
| USGS 50   | 10-10-00           | 28,000±1100<br>27,900±1100    | 0.06  | 172±4<br>168±4      | 0.71  |  |
| Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn near Reno<br>(BC at Blue Dome nr Reno) | 10-17-00           | -180±110<br>-240±110          | 0.39  | _                   | _     |  |
| RWMC M13S   | 10-17-00           | -280±110<br>-140±120          | 0.86  | _                   | _     |  |
| USGS 104  | 10-23-00           | 1,050±170<br>1,020±170        | 0.12  |                     | _     |  |
| Atomic City   | 10-24-00           | -80±50<br>-40±50              | 0.57  | _                   | _     |  |
| USGS 116  | 01-10-01           | 2,900±200<br>2,800±200        | 0.35  | 1±1<br>0.8±0.6      | 0.24  |  |
| USGS 88   | 01-23-01           | 40±130<br>-200±110            | 1.41  | 0.2±0.7<br>1.3±0.7  | 1.11  |  |
| USGS 73   | 04-02-01           | 19,900±600 1.06<br>20,800±600 |       | 0.9±0.7<br>0.7±0.7  | 0.22  |  |
| USGS 103  | 04-04-01           | -140±50<br>-80±60             | 0.77  | _                   | _     |  |
| USGS 17   | 04-04-01           | -80±130<br>2,000±200          | 8.72  | _                   | _     |  |
| SITE 14   | 04-05-01           | -60±130                       | 0.00  | _                   | _     |  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|   | Sample             | Tritiu                 | m     | Strontium-90         |       |  |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--|
| Site name   | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                | (NAD) | (pCi/L)              | (NAD) |  |
| Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn near Reno<br>(BC at Blue Dome nr Reno) | 04-11-01           | -40±130<br>-30±130     | 0.05  | -                    | _     |  |
| USGS 9  | 04-11-01           | -50±60<br>-70±60       | 0.24  | -                    | _     |  |
| PW 4  | 04-12-01           | 50±130<br>110±140      | 0.31  | 0.8±0.8<br>2.3±0.7   | 1.41  |  |
| RWMC M14S   | 04-17-01           | 1,800±200<br>1,600±200 | 0.71  | -                    | _     |  |
| JSGS 127  | 04-18-01           | 60±140<br>0±130        | 0.31  | 0.3±0.7<br>1.6±0.7   | 1.31  |  |
| USGS 41   | 04-23-01           | 1,700±200<br>1,900±200 | 0.71  | 12.8±0.7<br>12.9±0.7 | 0.10  |  |
| JSGS 44   | 04-24-01           | 130±140<br>50±140      | 0.40  | 3.9±0.7<br>2.9±0.7   | 1.01  |  |
| CFA LF 2-10   | 04-30-01           | 1,800±200<br>-110±130  | 8.01  | 1.8±0.7<br>-0.4±0.8  | 2.07  |  |
| JSGS 84   | 04-30-01           | 2,600±200<br>2,500±200 | 0.35  | 0.5±0.6<br>0.8±0.7   | 0.33  |  |
| JSGS 45   | 05-01-01           | 260±150<br>310±150     | 0.24  | 1.4±0.6<br>1.3±0.6   | 0.12  |  |
| SITE 9  | 07-05-01           | -240±110<br>-160±120   | 0.49  | -0.3±0.5<br>0.1±0.6  | 0.51  |  |
| USGS 126A   | 07-10-01           | -90±120<br>-20±120     | 0.41  | -                    | -     |  |
| JSGS 126B   | 07-10-01           | -100±120<br>-70±120    | 0.18  | -                    | -     |  |
| JSGS 120  | 07-12-01           | 120±130<br>20±130      | 0.54  | 2±1<br>0.7±0.7       | 1.31  |  |
| JSGS 29   | 07-16-01           | -60±120<br>-60±120     | 0.00  | 0.1±0.6<br>0±1       | 0.13  |  |
| TRA 3   | 07-19-01           | -150±120<br>-130±120   | 0.12  | -                    | -     |  |
| SITE 17   | 07-30-01           | -10±120<br>-110±120    | 0.58  | 0.5±0.6<br>-0.4±0.6  | 1.06  |  |
| Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn near Reno<br>(BC at Blue Dome nr Reno) | 10-04-01           | 0±120<br>-20±120       | 0.12  | -                    | _     |  |
| PW 8  | 10-09-01           | 490±140<br>450±140     | 0.20  | 9.3±0.8<br>10±0.8    | 0.62  |  |
| JSGS 38   | 10-11-01           | 6,000±400<br>5,800±400 | 0.35  | 17±1<br>17.8±0.9     | 0.74  |  |

Table 3.Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for tritium and strontium-90 fromreplicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|            | Sample             | Tritiu                 | m     | Strontium-90         |       |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                | (NAD) | (pCi/L)              | (NAD) |
| Arbor Test | 10-15-01           | 20±120<br>-30±120      | 0.29  | _                    | _     |
| USGS 106   | 10-17-01           | 1,000±80<br>840±80     | 1.41  |                      | _     |
| USGS 42    | 10-17-01           | 760±160<br>760±160     | 0.00  | 7.2±0.7<br>6.6±0.7   | 0.61  |
| USGS 43    | 10-22-01           | 2,900±200<br>2,600±200 | 1.06  | -2.4±0.7<br>-0.5±0.8 | 1.79  |

**Table 4**. Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for plutonium-238, plutonium-239+240, and americium-241

 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

| 0.1       | Sample             | Plutonium-2                  | 38    | Plutonium-239                 | )+240 | Americium-                   | cium-241 |  |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|------------------------------|----------|--|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                      | (NAD) | (pCi/L)                       | (NAD) | (pCi/L)                      | (NAD)    |  |
| JSGS 87   | 01-16-96           | 0.01±0.01<br>0.004±0.013     | 0.31  | -0.007±0.012<br>0.003±0.013   | 0.57  | -0.03±0.02<br>0.00±0.02      | 1.06     |  |
| JSGS 120  | 01-17-96           | -0.007±0.012<br>-0.004±0.012 | 0.18  | 0.003±0.013<br>-0.011±0.012   | 0.79  | 0.014±0.019<br>0.00±0.02     | 0.51     |  |
| JSGS 34   | 04-02-96           | 0.004±0.016<br>0.016±0.022   | 0.44  | 0.02±0.02<br>0.03±0.02        | 0.35  | -0.01±0.02<br>-0.02±0.02     | 0.35     |  |
| JSGS 117  | 04-16-96           | 0.012±0.021<br>0.003±0.015   | 0.35  | 0.012±0.018<br>-0.005±0.014   | 0.75  | 0.015±0.014<br>0.00±0.02     | 0.61     |  |
| JSGS 77   | 10-17-96           | -0.004±0.013<br>-0.001±0.015 | 0.15  | -0.008±0.013<br>-0.02±0.012   | 0.68  | 0.02±0.03<br>0.00±0.02       | 0.55     |  |
| JSGS 38   | 10-25-96           | -0.003±0.012<br>-0.017±0.016 | 0.70  | -0.001±0.012<br>-0.007±0.014  | 0.33  | 0.02±0.02<br>0.00±0.02       | 0.71     |  |
| JSGS 43   | 10-28-96           | 0.01±0.01<br>-0.007±0.012    | 0.92  | 0.006±0.012<br>0.003±0.013    | 0.17  | -0.01±0.019<br>0.013±0.017   | 0.90     |  |
| JSGS 37   | 10-8-97            | -0.001±0.017<br>-0.001±0.012 | 0.00  | 0.02±0.02<br>0.003±0.014      | 0.70  | -0.01±0.02<br>-0.004±0.015   | 0.24     |  |
| JSGS 117  | 04-01-98           | 0.004±0.013<br>-0.003±0.012  | 0.40  | 0.001±0.013<br>0.005±0.013    | 0.22  | 0.01±0.02<br>-0.03±0.02      | 1.41     |  |
| JSGS 65   | 04-28-98           | -0.014±0.014<br>-0.007±0.013 | 0.37  | -0.001±0.013<br>-0.002±0.012  | 0.06  | -0.005±0.017<br>-0.021±0.016 | 0.69     |  |
| JSGS 90   | 07-21-98           | 0.000±0.012<br>0.01±0.01     | 0.70  | -0.009±0.012<br>0.00±0.01     | 0.32  | -0.006±0.016<br>0.00±0.02    | 0.23     |  |
| JSGS 97   | 10-14-98           | -0.012±0.012<br>-0.01±0.01   | 0.19  | 0.009±0.013<br>0.00±0.01      | 0.37  | 0.006±0.016<br>0.00±0.02     | 0.23     |  |
| JSGS 47   | 10-28-98           | 0.008±0.013<br>0.011±0.013   | 0.16  | -0.001±0.012<br>0.006±0.012   | 0.41  | -0.005±0.013<br>0.008±0.014  | 0.68     |  |
| JSGS 88   | 01-13-99           | -0.004±0.009<br>-0.004±0.009 | 0.01  | -0.008±0.008<br>0.00±0.01     | 0.31  | 0.00±0.01<br>-0.003±0.009    | 0.01     |  |
| JSGS 40   | 01-19-99           | 0.003±0.008<br>-0.004±0.008  | 0.06  | -0.003±0.007<br>-0.0037±0.008 | 0.07  | -0.01±0.01<br>0.02±0.01      | 2.47     |  |
| CPP 1     | 04-26-99           | -0.007±0.007<br>-0.004±0.008 | 0.28  | -0.003±0.008<br>0.00±0.01     | 0.55  | 0.00±0.01<br>-0.02±0.01      | 1.27     |  |
| JSGS 34   | 10-14-99           | 0.000±0.006<br>0.01±0.02     | 0.48  | 0.003±0.006<br>0.013±0.016    | 0.59  | 0.004±0.009<br>-0.006±0.006  | 0.92     |  |
| JSGS 98   | 04-04-00           | -0.009±0.005<br>0.004±0.012  | 1.00  | -0.006±0.004<br>-0.009±0.006  | 0.42  | 0.009±0.008<br>0.016±0.016   | 0.39     |  |
| JSGS 119  | 04-06-00           | -0.009±0.005<br>0.003±0.007  | 1.39  | -0.003±0.005<br>-0.003±0.006  | 0.00  | 0.006±0.006<br>0.011±0.009   | 0.46     |  |
| JSGS 97   | 09-27-00           | -0.004±0.007<br>0.006±0.011  | 0.77  | -0.004±0.007<br>0.006±0.011   | 0.77  | 0.008±0.012<br>0.010±0.008   | 0.10     |  |
| JSGS 77   | 10-06-00           | $0.006 \pm 0.008$            | 0.07  | $0.006 \pm 0.008$             | 0.07  | $0.006 \pm 0.006$            | 0.34     |  |

**Table 4**. Measured concentrations and normalized absolute differences for plutonium-238, plutonium-239+240, and americium-241

 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|           | Sample             | Plutonium-2                     | Plutonium-238 |                              | )+240 | Americium-241                          |       |  |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------|--|-------|--|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (pCi/L)                         | (NAD)         | (pCi/L)                      | (NAD) | (pCi/L)                                | (NAD) |  |
|           |                    | 0.007±0.013                     |               | 0.007±0.013                  |       | 0.01±0.01                              |       |  |
| RWMC M1SA | 01-16-01           | 0.004±0.007<br>-0.0016±0.0016   | 0.78          | 0.004±0.008<br>0.0032±0.0032 | 0.09  | 0.006±0.009<br>0.0084±0.0045           | 0.24  |  |
| USGS 88   | 01-23-01           | 0.003±0.006<br>-0.004±0.004     | 0.97          | 0.007±0.008<br>-0.004±0.004  | 1.23  | -0.003±0.009<br>0.003±0.011            | 0.42  |  |
| USGS 84   | 04-30-01           | 0.003±0.005<br>0.003±0.006      | 0.00          | 0.006±0.006<br>0.003±0.007   | 0.33  | -0.009±0.009<br>0.009±0.011            | 1.27  |  |
| USGS 120  | 07-12-01           | -0.003±0.005<br>0.006±0.004     | 1.41          | 0.006±0.004<br>0.003±0.005   | 0.47  | 0.003±0.009<br>0.003±0.009             | 0.00  |  |
| RWMC M1SA | 09-25-01           | -0.00009±0.00011<br>0.003±0.003 | 1.03          | 0.003±0.003<br>-0.003±0.007  | 0.79  | -0.008±0.005<br>0.015±0.012            | 1.77  |  |
| USGS 38   | 10-11-01           | 0.011±0.011<br>0.006±0.011      | 0.32          | -0.003±0.003<br>-0.003±0.005 | 0.00  | $0.006 \pm 0.006$<br>$0.008 \pm 0.008$ | 0.20  |  |
| USGS 43   | 10-22-01           | 0.006±0.013<br>0.011±0.0225     | 0.18          | -0.003±0.005<br>0.011±0.016  | 0.84  | 0.003±0.005<br>0.003±0.006             | 0.00  |  |

**Table 5**.
 Measured concentrations and relative standard deviations for sodium, chloride, fluoride, and sulfate from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, 1996–2001.

|                 | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu        | oride            | Sulfate    |                  |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name       | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 103        | 01-02-96           | _          | -                | 15<br>15   | 0                | _          | _                | -          | -                |
| USGS 125        | 01-09-96           | 13<br>12   | 6                | 14<br>14   | 0                | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| RWMC Production | 01-16-96           | _          | _                | 17<br>18   | 4                | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 87         | 01-16-96           |            | -                | 13<br>13   | 0                | _          | -                | -          | -                |
| USGS 112        | 01-18-96           |            | -                | 120<br>120 | 0                | _          | -                | -          | -                |
| USGS 83         | 04-01-96           | 11<br>10   | 7                | 11<br>11   | 0                | _          | -                | -          | -                |
| USGS 34         | 04-02-96           | 9.8<br>9.9 | 1                | 14<br>14   | 0                | 0.2<br>0.2 | 0                | 31<br>31   | 0                |
| USGS 79         | 04-02-96           | _          | -                | 12<br>12   | 0                | _          | _                |            | -                |
| CFA 2           | 04-03-96           | 26<br>26   | 0                | 120<br>120 | 0                | _          | _                | 45<br>45   | 0                |
| Atomic City     | 04-04-96           | _          | _                | 17<br>17   | 0                | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 5          | 04-10-96           | 7.3<br>7.2 | 1                | 8.4<br>8.5 | 1                | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 20         | 04-11-96           | _          | _                | 24<br>24   | 0                | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 117        | 04-16-96           | _          | _                | 13<br>14   | 5                | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 9          | 04-16-96           | 13<br>13   | 0                | 21<br>21   | 0                | _          | _                | _          | _                |
| MTR Test        | 04-17-96           | 31<br>30   | 2                | 13<br>13   | 0                | _          | _                | 140<br>150 | 5                |
| USGS 109        | 04-17-96           | 11<br>11   | 0                | 15<br>15   | 0                | _          | _                | _          | -                |

**Table 5**.
 Measured concentrations and relative standard deviations for sodium, chloride, fluoride, and sulfate from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, 1996–2001.—Continued

|  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu    | oride            | Sulfate    |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| TRA Disposal   | 04-18-96           | _          | -                | 10<br>11   | 7                | _      | -                |            | -                |
| USGS 52  | 04-22-96           | _          | -                | 28<br>29   | 2                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| SITE 14  | 04-24-96           | 15<br>14   | 5                | 9.0<br>8.9 | 1                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| Leo Rogers 1   | 07-17-96           | 17<br>17   | 0                | 18<br>18   | 0                |        | -                |            | -                |
| IET 1 Disposal   | 07-18-96           | 18<br>18   | 1                | 18<br>18   | 0                | _      | -                | 31<br>31   | 0                |
| TRA 1  | 07-18-96           | 8.3<br>8.5 | 2                | 10<br>11   | 7                | _      | _                | 21<br>20   | 3                |
| TRA 3  | 07-18-96           | 8.6<br>8.6 | 0                | 10<br>10   | 0                | _      | _                | 21<br>21   | 0                |
| ANP 6  | 07-19-96           | 9.8<br>9.9 | 1                | 17<br>17   | 0                |        | -                | 33<br>33   | 1                |
| RWMC M3S   | 07-22-96           | _          | -                | 12<br>13   | 2                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 66  | 07-25-96           | 15<br>15   | 0                | 19<br>20   | 4                | _      | _                | 190<br>190 | 0                |
| USGS 72  | 07-30-96           | 22<br>21   | 3                | 13<br>14   | 5                | _      | _                | 30<br>30   | 0                |
| Big Lost River near<br>Arco (BLR nr Arco)                              | 10-07-96           | _          | -                | 5.8<br>6.2 | 5                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn<br>near Reno (BC at Blue Dome<br>nr Reno) | 10-08-96           | _          | -                | 4.8<br>4.5 | 5                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| No Name 1  | 10-14-96           | 11<br>11   | 0                | 20<br>20   | 0                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 27  | 10-15-96           | 28<br>27   | 3                | 58<br>61   | 4                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| SPERT 1  | 10-16-96           | 13<br>13   | 0                | 21<br>20   | 3                | _      | _                | _          | -                |

**Table 5**.
 Measured concentrations and relative standard deviations for sodium, chloride, fluoride, and sulfate from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, 1996–2001.—Continued

|   | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu        | oride            | Sulfate    |                  |
|---|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name   | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 77   | 10-17-96           | 33<br>34   | 2                | 140<br>140 | 0                | 0.2<br>0.2 | 0                | 32<br>32   | 0                |
| USGS 48   | 10-21-96           | 20<br>21   | 3                | 41<br>43   | 3                | _          | _                | 28<br>29   | 2                |
| PW 3  | 10-23-96           | 170<br>180 | 4                | 290<br>300 | 2                | _          | _                | 27<br>27   | 0                |
| USGS 73   | 10-23-96           | 13<br>14   | 5                | 34<br>33   | 2                | _          | _                | 61<br>61   | 0                |
| USGS 38   | 10-25-96           | 65<br>66   | 1                | 180<br>180 | 0                | 0.2<br>0.2 | 0                | 31<br>31   | 0                |
| USGS 43   | 10-28-96           | 16<br>15   | 5                | 24<br>25   | 3                | _          | _                | 25<br>25   | 0                |
| USGS 113  | 01-09-97           | _          | -                | 230<br>230 | 0                | _          | _                |            | _                |
| USGS 54   | 01-23-97           | _          | _                | 26<br>27   | 3                | _          | _                | 320<br>330 | 2                |
| USGS 60   | 04-02-97           | _          | _                | 21<br>21   | 0                | _          | _                | _          | _                |
| USGS 109  | 04-03-97           | 10<br>11   | 1                | 14<br>14   | 1                | _          | _                | -          | _                |
| USGS 86   | 04-03-97           | 10<br>11   | 1                | 20<br>20   | 1                | _          | _                | _          | _                |
| CPP 5   | 04-08-97           | 7.7<br>7.7 | 0                | 19<br>19   | 3                | _          | _                | 26<br>26   | 0                |
| NPR TEST  | 04-08-97           | 7.6<br>7.4 | 1                | 13<br>13   | 1                | _          | _                | _          | _                |
| JSGS 41   | 04-08-97           | _          | _                | 21<br>21   | 0                | _          | _                | _          | _                |
| USGS 42   | 04-08-97           | _          | -                | 26<br>26   | 0                | _          | -                |            | _                |
| Big Lost River at Experimental<br>Dairy Farm near Howe (BLR<br>at exp dairy farm nr Howe) | 04-09-97           | _          | -                | 4.5<br>4.3 | 4                | _          | -                | _          | _                |

**Table 5**.
 Measured concentrations and relative standard deviations for sodium, chloride, fluoride, and sulfate from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, 1996–2001.—Continued

|                  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu    | oride            | Su         | lfate            |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name        | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 124         | 04-10-97           | _          | -                | 15<br>15   | 0                | _      | -                | _          | -                |
| USGS 63          | 04-22-97           | _          | -                | 23<br>22   | 2                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 104         | 04-29-97           | _          | -                | 13<br>13   | 0                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 58          | 05-05-97           | _          | _                | 12<br>12   | 3                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 6           | 07-01-97           | 12<br>13   | 0                | 8.7<br>8.6 | 0                | _      | _                | 18<br>18   | 1                |
| USGS 82          | 07-02-97           | _          | _                | 19<br>19   | 1                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 32          | 07-08-97           | 20<br>19   | 4                | 60<br>57   | 3                | _      | _                | 44<br>41   | 5                |
| CWP 1            | 07-15-97           | _          | -                | 26<br>26   | 0                | _      | _                | 320<br>320 | 0                |
| Badging Facility | 07-22-97           | 9.5<br>9.6 | 1                | 17<br>16   | 3                | _      | _                | 20<br>20   | 1                |
| USGS 108         | 10-07-97           | 11<br>11   | 1                | 14<br>14   | 0                | _      | _                | _          | _                |
| USGS 39          | 10-07-97           | 7.5<br>7.8 | 3                | 10<br>10   | 0                |        | _                | 31<br>31   | 1                |
| USGS 37          | 10-08-97           | 48<br>49   | 1                | 140<br>140 | 0                |        | _                | 30<br>30   | 0                |
| USGS 8           | 100-8-97           | 6.7<br>6.7 | 0                | 7.5<br>7.5 | 0                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 101         | 10-16-97           | 14<br>14   | 0                | 8.5<br>8.5 | 0                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| PW 8             | 10-21-97           | 19<br>18   | 2                | 24<br>24   | 1                | _      | _                | 283<br>279 | 1                |
| SITE 4           | 10-21-97           | 7.9<br>7.9 | 0                | 9.1<br>9.3 | 1                | _      | _                | 19<br>18   | 4                |
| USGS 67          | 10-21-97           | 52<br>54   | 2                | 160<br>160 | 0                | _      | _                | 30<br>30   | 1                |

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|            | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu    | oride            | Sulfate  |                  |
|------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 115   | 10-22-97           | 15<br>15   | 0                | 40<br>40   | 0                | _      | -                | 22<br>22 | 0                |
| ANP 9      | 10-27-97           | 14<br>14   | 0                | 12<br>12   | 1                | _      | _                | _        | _                |
| USGS 51    | 10-27-97           | 27<br>27   | 1                | 140<br>140 | 0                | _      | -                | 28<br>28 | 0                |
| USGS 119   | 01-13-98           | _          | _                | 9.1<br>8.6 | 4                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 104   | 01-15-98           | _          | _                | 13<br>12   | 3                | _      | _                | _        | _                |
| USGS 114   | 01-22-98           | _          | -                | 71<br>72   | 0                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| PW 1       | 01-26-98           | _          | -                | 225<br>222 | 1                | -      | -                | _        | -                |
| USGS 5     | 03-31-98           | 7.2<br>7.3 | 0                | 9.0<br>9.0 | 0                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 117   | 04-01-98           | _          | -                | 13<br>13   | 1                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 121   | 04-02-98           | _          | _                | 11<br>11   | 1                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 106   | 04-06-98           | _          | _                | 15<br>14   | 3                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 111   | 04-06-98           | _          | _                | 14<br>153  | 117              | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 14    | 04-07-98           | _          | _                | 21<br>20   | 1                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 19    | 04-08-98           | 11<br>11   | 1                | 9.0<br>9.1 | 1                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 7     | 04-13-98           | 22<br>24   | 6                | 8.9<br>8.8 | 1                | _      | _                | _        | _                |
| Highway 3  | 04-20-98           | 5.8<br>5.8 | 0                | 5.8<br>6.2 | 4                | _      | -                | _        | -                |
| Arbor Test | 04-22-98           | _          | -                | 144<br>14  | 117              | _      | _                | _        | _                |

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|  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu    | oride            | Sulfate    |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name                                  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 65                                    | 04-28-98           | 14<br>14   | 1                | 18<br>18   | 1                | _      | _                | 143<br>144 | 0                |
| USGS 85                                    | 04-28-98           | _          | -                | 46<br>46   | 0                | _      | _                | -          | -                |
| USGS 69                                    | 07-01-98           | 12<br>11   | 6                | 20<br>19   | 2                | _      | _                | 154<br>152 | 1                |
| RWMC M3S                                   | 07-07-98           | _          | -                | 12<br>12   | 0                | _      | -                | _          | _                |
| USGS 18                                    | 07-20-98           | 12<br>12   | 0                | 10<br>10   | 2                | _      | _                | 24<br>24   | 0                |
| TRA 4                                      | 07-21-98           | 8.3<br>7.2 | 10               | 10<br>10   | 3                | _      | _                | 19<br>19   | 0                |
| USGS 90                                    | 07-21-98           | _          | -                | 17<br>17   | 1                | _      | _                | -          | -                |
| USGS 2                                     | 07-22-98           | 17<br>17   | 1                | 16<br>16   | 0                | _      | _                | 13<br>13   | 0                |
| USGS 36                                    | 07-22-98           | _          | _                | 68<br>68   | 0                | _      | _                |            | _                |
| CPP 2                                      | 09-30-98           | 7.4<br>7.4 | 0                | 14<br>14   | 0                | _      | _                |            | _                |
| Mud Lake near Terreton (ML nr<br>Terreton) | 10-06-98           | _          | -                | 8.0<br>8.2 | 2                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 97                                    | 10-14-98           | 15<br>14   | 1                | 37<br>37   | 1                | _      | _                | 34<br>34   | 0                |
| USGS 35                                    | 10-15-98           | 7.8<br>7.7 | 1                | 9.4<br>9.2 | 2                | _      | _                | 26<br>26   | 0                |
| USGS 1                                     | 10-20-98           | 15<br>15   | 1                | 13<br>14   | 5                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 110A                                  | 10-20-98           | 17<br>17   | 0                | 19<br>20   | 2                | _      | -                | _          | -                |
| USGS 123                                   | 10-20-98           | 48<br>48   | 1                | 111<br>113 | 1                | _      | _                | 30<br>30   | 0                |
| WS INEL 1                                  | 10-20-98           | 12<br>12   | 1                | 44<br>46   | 3                | _      | _                | 32<br>32   | 0                |

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|  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu    | oride            | Sulfate        |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)         | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 76  | 10-22-98           | 9.5<br>9.4 | 1                | 12<br>12   | 1                | _      | _                | 26<br>26       | 0                |
| PW 6   | 10-27-98           | 112<br>112 | 0                | 160<br>167 | 3                | _      | -                | 14<br>14       | 0                |
| USGS 47  | 10-28-98           | 15<br>14   | 4                | 26<br>26   | 0                | _      | _                | 25<br>25       | 1                |
| USGS 68  | 12-01-98           | 662<br>674 | 1                | 27<br>26   | 2                | _      | _                | 2,280<br>2,340 | 2                |
| USGS 88  | 01-13-99           | -          | -                | 84<br>84   | 0                | -      | _                | -              | -                |
| USGS 40  | 01-19-99           | _          | _                | 17<br>17   | 1                | _      | -                | -              | -                |
| USGS 99  | 03-31-99           | _          | _                | 20<br>20   | 0                | _      | _                | -              | -                |
| USGS 79  | 04-01-99           | _          | _                | 13<br>13   | 1                | _      | _                | -              | _                |
| USGS 83  | 04-01-99           | 9.5<br>10  | 6                | 11<br>10   | 2                |        | -                | -              | _                |
| USGS 12  | 04-05-99           | 13<br>13   | 0                | 16<br>16   | 1                | _      | _                | 25<br>25       | 0                |
| EBR 1  | 04-13-99           | 8.0<br>8.0 | 1                | 6.8<br>6.9 | 1                | -      | -                | -              | -                |
| USGS 61  | 04-13-99           | -          | _                | 20<br>20   | 1                | _      | -                | -              | -                |
| PAND W 2   | 04-14-99           | 6.8<br>6.2 | 7                | 7.1<br>7.1 | 0                | -      | _                | -              | -                |
| USGS 100   | 04-19-99           | -          | -                | 16<br>17   | 3                | -      | _                | -              | -                |
| Big Lost River below INL<br>Diversion near Arco (BLR blw<br>INL div nr Arco) | 04-20-99           | _          | _                | 5.0<br>4.9 | 0                | _      | _                | _              | _                |
| PW 2   | 04-22-99           | _          | _                | 200<br>200 | 0                | _      | _                | -              | -                |
| USGS 46  | 04-22-99           | _          | _                | 17<br>17   | 1                | _      | _                | -              | -                |

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|  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu        | oride            | Su         | lfate            |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| CPP 1  | 04-26-99           | 7.8<br>7.7 | 1                | 15<br>14   | 3                | 0.2<br>0.2 | 3                | 23<br>23   | 0                |
| CWP 3  | 06-30-99           | _          | _                | 24<br>24   | 0                | _          | _                | 295<br>293 | 0                |
| USGS 22  | 07-07-99           | 22<br>23   | 3                | 63<br>23   | 67               | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| SPERT 1  | 07-08-99           | 15<br>15   | 1                | 24<br>24   | 0                | _          | -                | _          | _                |
| RWMC M7S   | 07-12-99           |            | -                | 12<br>12   | 0                | _          | _                |            | _                |
| USGS 15  | 07-13-99           | 23<br>23   | 1                | 35<br>35   | 1                | _          | _                | 35<br>34   | 2                |
| TRA 1  | 07-21-99           | 8.5<br>8.6 | 0                | 11<br>11   | 1                | _          | _                | 18<br>18   | 0                |
| PW 4   | 10-06-99           | 152<br>152 | 0                | 316<br>308 | 2                | _          | _                | 29<br>29   | 0                |
| USGS 114   | 10-06-99           | 19<br>20   | 2                | 83<br>81   | 2                | _          | _                | 27<br>27   | 0                |
| USGS 11  | 10-07-99           | 9.4<br>7.8 | 13               | 11<br>11   | 4                | _          | _                |            | -                |
| Big Lost River below Mackay<br>Reservoir (BLR blw Mackay<br>Reservoir) | 10-07-99           | _          | _                | 3.7<br>2.8 | 19               | _          | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 20  | 10-14-99           | 8.2<br>8.3 | 0                | 30<br>31   | 1                | _          | _                | 20<br>21   | 1                |
| USGS 34  | 10-14-99           | 9.6<br>9.6 | 0                | 15<br>15   | 0                | 0.2<br>0.2 | 0                | 24<br>24   | 1                |
| CFA 1  | 10-20-99           | 22<br>20   | 4                | 85<br>86   | 0                | _          | _                | 29<br>29   | 0                |
| USGS 50  | 10-20-99           | 63<br>66   | 4                | 57<br>58   | 1                | _          | _                | 39<br>39   | 0                |
| USGS 58  | 10-21-99           | 9.0<br>9.6 | 4                | 11<br>11   | 0                | _          | _                | 27<br>27   | 0                |

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|  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu    | oride            | Sulfate  |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| Site name                                  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) |
| PW 5                                       | 10-25-99           | 163<br>164 | 0                | 348<br>344 | 1                | _      | -                | 27<br>27 | 0                |
| USGS 105                                   | 10-25-99           | 14<br>14   | 1                | 13<br>12   | 5                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 121                                   | 10-25-99           | 6.0<br>7.2 | 12               | 11<br>11   | 1                | _      | _                | 22<br>22 | 1                |
| USGS 52                                    | 10-25-99           | 12<br>12   | 2                | 16<br>25   | 32               | _      | _                | 24<br>27 | 11               |
| USGS 23                                    | 10-27-99           | 8.9<br>9.5 | 5                | 10<br>10   | 1                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| RWMC Production                            | 01-13-00           | _          | _                | 18<br>18   | 0                | _      | _                | _        | _                |
| CFA 2                                      | 01-19-00           | 29<br>28   | 1                | 125<br>122 | 2                | _      | _                | 47<br>47 | 0                |
| USGS 89                                    | 01-20-00           |            | -                | 37<br>38   | 0                | _      | _                |          | -                |
| PSTF Test                                  | 04-04-00           | 6.8<br>7.0 | 3                | 6.1<br>7.0 | 10               | _      | _                |          | -                |
| USGS 98                                    | 04-04-00           | 10<br>10   | 2                | 14<br>14   | 2                | _      | -                | 21<br>21 | 0                |
| USGS 12                                    | 04-05-00           | 12<br>12   | 0                | 13<br>13   | 2                | _      | -                | 22<br>22 | 0                |
| USGS 119                                   | 04-06-00           | _          | -                | 8.7<br>8.8 | 1                | _      | _                | _        | _                |
| MTR Test                                   | 04-10-00           | 10<br>9.9  | 1                | 9.2<br>9.2 | 1                | _      | _                | 25<br>24 | 1                |
| Atomic City                                | 04-11-00           | _          | -                | 16<br>16   | 2                | _      | -                | _        | -                |
| Little Lost River Nr Howe (LLR<br>nr Howe) | 04-11-00           | _          | -                | 9.3<br>10  | 8                | _      | -                | _        | -                |
| USGS 125                                   | 04-11-00           | 13<br>12   | 4                | 12<br>12   | 1                | _      | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 26                                    | 04-12-00           | 15<br>16   | 1                | 13<br>13   | 0                | _      | _                | _        | -                |

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|                  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch       | loride           | Flu    | oride            | Su         | lfate            |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name        | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 27          | 04-12-00           | 28<br>30   | 6                | 58<br>56 | 3                | _      | _                | _          | _                |
| USGS 102         | 07-10-00           | 15<br>15   | 0                | 31<br>30 | 1                | _      | _                | 31<br>31   | 0                |
| USGS 31          | 07-10-00           | 15<br>15   | 1                | 24<br>23 | 0                | _      | _                | 29<br>29   | 1                |
| Badging Facility | 07-13-00           | 9.9<br>9.9 | 0                | 16<br>16 | 0                | _      | _                | 22<br>22   | 0                |
| RWMC Production  | 07-13-00           | _          | -                | 17<br>17 | 1                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| SITE 19          | 07-13-00           | 9.4<br>9.5 | 1                | 13<br>13 | 0                | _      | _                | 35<br>36   | 1                |
| CWP 2            | 07-17-00           | _          | -                | 17<br>17 | 0                | _      | _                | 123<br>123 | 0                |
| AREA 2           | 07-18-00           | 16<br>16   | 1                | 16<br>16 | 1                | _      | _                | 17<br>17   | 0                |
| USGS 66          | 07-25-00           | 15<br>15   | 3                | 18<br>18 | 1                | _      | _                | 197<br>190 | 3                |
| USGS 62          | 09-27-00           | 18<br>18   | 1                | 22<br>22 | 1                | _      | _                | 262<br>260 | 1                |
| USGS 97          | 09-27-00           | 16<br>16   | 0                | 31<br>32 | 1                | _      | _                | 32<br>32   | 0                |
| USGS 82          | 09-28-00           | 10<br>10   | 0                | 16<br>17 | 5                | _      | _                | 21<br>21   | 0                |
| USGS 58          | 10-04-00           | 10<br>10   | 0                | 11<br>11 | 2                | _      | _                | 27<br>27   | 0                |
| USGS 60          | 10-04-00           | 19<br>18   | 2                | 23<br>24 | 1                | _      | _                | 282<br>282 | 0                |
| USGS 11          | 10-05-00           | 8.4<br>8.4 | 0                | 10<br>10 | 1                | _      | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 124         | 10-05-00           | 9.8<br>9.6 | 2                | 15<br>15 | 1                | _      | _                | _          | _                |
| USGS 57          | 10-05-00           | 44<br>43   | 1                | 91<br>92 | 1                | _      | _                | 29<br>29   | 1                |

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|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|----------|------------------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 77  | 10-06-00           | 39<br>38   | 1                | 149<br>147 | 1                | 0.2<br>0.2 | 4                | 32<br>32 | 0                |
| USGS 50  | 10-10-00           | 60<br>61   | 0                | 57<br>57   | 0                | _          | _                | 41<br>41 | 0                |
| Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn<br>near Reno (BC at Blue Dome<br>nr Reno) | 10-17-00           | _          | _                | 5.4<br>5.4 | 0                | _          | _                | _        | _                |
| RWMC M13S  | 10-17-00           | 11<br>11   | 0                | 5.6<br>5.6 | 0                | _          | _                | _<br>_   | -                |
| USGS 104   | 10-23-00           | 9.2<br>8.8 | 4                | 12<br>12   | 3                | _          | _                | _        | -                |
| Atomic City  | 10-24-00           | 18<br>17   | 5                | 17<br>17   | 0                | _          | _                |          | -                |
| USGS 116   | 01-10-01           | _          | -                | 101<br>98  | 2                | _          | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 88  | 01-23-01           | _          | -                | 79<br>80   | 1                | _          | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 73  | 04-02-01           | _          | -                | 91<br>92   | 0                | _          | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 103   | 04-04-01           | 13<br>13   | 4                | 15<br>15   | 0                | -          | _                | _        | -                |
| USGS 17  | 04-04-01           | 7.7<br>7.2 | 5                | 5.3<br>5.4 | 0                | _          | _                | _        | -                |
| SITE 14  | 04-05-01           | 14<br>15   | 1                | 8.3<br>8.3 | 0                | _          | _                | _        | -                |
| Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn<br>near Reno (BC at Blue Dome<br>nr Reno) | 04-11-01           | _          | _                | 5.1<br>5.0 | 2                | _          | -                | _        | _                |
| USGS 9   | 04-11-01           | 11<br>12   | 4                | 17<br>17   | 0                | _          | -                | _        | -                |
| PW 4   | 04-12-01           | _          | -                | 152<br>153 | 0                | _          | -                | _        | -                |
| RWMC M14S  | 04-17-01           | 8.9<br>8.6 | 2                | 15<br>16   | 2                | _          | _                | _        | -                |

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|  | Sample             | So         | dium             | Ch         | loride           | Flu          | oride            | Sulfate    |                  |
|--|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) |
| USGS 127   | 04-18-01           | 8.1<br>7.6 | 4                | 15<br>15   | 0                | _            | _                |            | -                |
| USGS 41  | 04-23-01           | _          | _                | 18<br>18   | 1                | _            | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 44  | 04-24-01           | -          | _                | 10<br>10   | 1                | _            | _                | _          | -                |
| CFA LF 2-10  | 04-30-01           | 12<br>12   | 1                | 23<br>24   | 2                | _            | _                | _          | _                |
| USGS 84  | 04-30-01           | 8.2<br>7.9 | 2                | 8.2<br>8.3 | 1                | _            | _                | 33<br>33   | 0                |
| USGS 45  | 05-01-01           | _          | -                | 16<br>16   | 0                | _            | _                | _          | _                |
| Site 9   | 07-05-01           | 12<br>13   | 1                | 14<br>14   | 0                | _            | _                | 24<br>25   | 1                |
| USGS 126A  | 07-10-01           | 8.1<br>8.4 | 2                | 8.2<br>8.0 | 1                | _            | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 126B  | 07-10-01           | 8.0<br>7.8 | 2                | 8.1<br>8.3 | 2                | _            | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 120   | 07-12-01           | -          | -                | 19<br>19   | 1                | _            | _                | _          | -                |
| USGS 29  | 07-16-01           | 21<br>21   | 0                | 28<br>28   | 1                | _            | _                | 17<br>17   | 0                |
| TRA 3  | 07-19-01           | 9.6<br>9.0 | 4                | 9.5<br>9.8 | 2                | _            | _                | 22<br>22   | 0                |
| Site 17  | 07-30-01           | 11<br>11   | 0                | 13<br>13   | 0                | _            | _                | _          | _                |
| Birch Creek at Blue Dome Inn<br>near Reno (BC at Blue Dome<br>nr Reno) | 10-04-01           | _          | _                | 5.8<br>5.7 | 2                | _            | _                | _          | _                |
| PW 8   | 10-09-01           | 15<br>14   | 1                | 20<br>20   | 0                | _            | _                | 179<br>179 | 0                |
| USGS 38  | 10-11-01           | 45<br>45   | 0                | 100<br>100 | 0                | 0.21<br>0.26 | <sup>1</sup> 16  | 28<br>29   | 2                |

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[Locations of sites are shown in figures 1–4. Concentrations in table are rounded results, but relative standard deviations (RSDs) were calculated using unrounded results. Abbreviations: mg/L, milligrams per liter; –, no data]

|            | Sample             | So     | Sodium           |        | Chloride         |        | Fluoride         |        | Sulfate          |  |
|------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|--|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | (mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) |  |
| Arbor Test | 10-15-01           | _      | _                | 15     | 0                | _      | -                | _      | _                |  |
|            |                    | -      |                  | 15     |                  | _      |                  | _      |                  |  |
| USGS 106   | 10-17-01           | 7.5    | 1                | 15     | 2                | _      | _                | _      | _                |  |
|            |                    | 7.5    |                  | 15     |                  | _      |                  | _      |                  |  |
| USGS 42    | 10-17-01           | 8.6    | 0                | 18     | 5                | _      | _                | 24     | 1                |  |
|            |                    | 8.7    |                  | 17     |                  | _      |                  | 24     |                  |  |
| USGS 43    | 10-22-01           | 14     | 1                | 23     | 0                | _      | _                | 23     | 0                |  |
|            |                    | 14     |                  | 23     |                  | _      |                  | 23     |                  |  |

 $^1\text{Replicate}$  pair concentrations were within  $\pm 0.5$  times the reporting level

**Table 6.**Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for ammonia, nitrate+ nitrite, nitrite, and orthophosphate from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity,Idaho, 1996–2001.

|                   | Sample             |                  | Ammon            | ia                   |                | Nitrate + n      | itrite               |                | Nitrite          |                      |                | Orthophosp       | hate                 |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name         | collection<br>date | (mg/L<br>as N)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as P) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 125          | 01-09-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.55<br>0.56   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.01   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 83           | 04-01-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.62<br>0.63   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 34           | 04-02-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 1.1<br>1.1     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 5            | 04-10-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.43<br>0.43   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 9            | 04-16-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.57<br>0.6    | 4                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 109          | 04-17-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.52<br>0.54   | 3                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| SITE 14           | 04-24-96           | 0.02<br><0.015   | NC               | А                    | 0.54<br>0.54   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| IET 1<br>Disposal | 07-18-96           | 0.74<br>0.75     | 1                | А                    | 0.73<br>0.73   | 0                | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    | 0.21<br>0.22   | 3                | А                    |
| ANP 6             | 07-19-96           | 0.03<br>0.03     | 0                | А                    | 0.91<br>0.91   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.03<br>0.03   | 0                | А                    |
| RWMC M3S          | 07-22-96           | 0.03<br>0.06     | 47               | Ν                    | 0.8<br>0.8     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.03   | 28               | Ν                    |
| No Name 1         | 10-14-96           | 0.02<br>0.02     | 0                | А                    | 0.56<br>0.58   | 2                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 27           | 10-15-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 2.6<br>2.6     | 0                | А                    | 0.02<br><0.01  | NC               | Ν                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| SPERT 1           | 10-16-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 1<br>1.1       | 7                | А                    | 0.01<br>0.02   | 47               | Ν                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 77           | 10-17-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 4.3<br>4.3     | 0                | А                    | 0.01<br>0.01   | 0                | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 48           | 10-21-96           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 5.1<br>5.2     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br>0.02  | NC               | Ν                    | 0.03<br>0.03   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 38           | 10-25-96           | 0.04<br>0.04     | 0                | А                    | 2.9<br>3       | 2                | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 43           | 10-28-96           | 0.02<br>0.02     | 0                | А                    | 5.1<br>5.1     | 0                | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    | 0.01<br>0.03   | 71               | Ν                    |
| USGS 109          | 04-03-97           | 0.02<br>0.02     | 4                | А                    | 0.63<br>0.61   | 2                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 86           | 04-03-97           | 0.02<br>0.02     | 11               | А                    | 1.5<br>1.5     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 5                | А                    |
| NPR Test          | 04-08-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.62<br>0.64   | 2                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 3                | А                    |
| USGS 6            | 07-01-97           | 0.03<br><0.015   | NC               | Ν                    | 0.52<br>0.52   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 13               | А                    |

Table 6.Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for ammonia, nitrate+ nitrite, nitrite, and orthophosphate from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity,Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|                     | Sample             |                  | Ammoni           | ia                   |                | Nitrate + n      | itrite               |                | Nitrite          |                      |                | Orthophosp       | hate                 |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name           | collection<br>date | (mg/L<br>as N)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as P) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 32             | 07-08-97           | <0.015<br>0.024  | NC               | Ν                    | 1.72<br>1.79   | 3                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.03   | 54               | Ν                    |
| Badging<br>Facility | 07-22-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.73<br>0.73   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 8                | А                    |
| USGS 107            | 10-01-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 1.1<br>1.1     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.01   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 108            | 10-07-97           | 0.02<br><0.015   | NC               | А                    | 0.74<br>0.74   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.03<br>0.01   | 50               | Ν                    |
| USGS 39             | 10-07-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.84<br>0.85   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 37             | 10-08-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 2.9<br>2.9     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 9                | А                    |
| USGS 8              | 10-08-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.92<br>0.93   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.02   | 5                | А                    |
| USGS 101            | 10-16-97           | 0.13<br><0.015   | NC               | Ν                    | 0.87<br>0.85   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br><0.01  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 67             | 10-21-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 3.3<br>3.3     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.01   | 5                | А                    |
| USGS 115            | 10-22-97           | 0.04<br><0.015   | NC               | Ν                    | 1.4<br>1.4     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br>0.01  | NC               | А                    |
| ANP 9               | 10-27-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 0.92<br>0.92   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 51             | 10-27-97           | <0.015<br><0.015 | NC               | А                    | 3.5<br>3.5     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 5              | 03-31-98           | 0.03<br>0.04     | 4                | А                    | 0.46<br>0.48   | 3                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br>0.01  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 19             | 04-08-98           | 0.02<br>0.02     | 10               | А                    | 0.87<br>0.87   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br>0.01  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 7              | 04-13-98           | 0.02<br><0.02    | NC               | А                    | 0.40<br>0.39   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.01   | 14               | А                    |
| Highway 3           | 04-20-98           | 0.03<br>0.03     | 3                | А                    | 0.37<br>0.37   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 3                | А                    |
| USGS 65             | 04-28-98           | 0.05<br>0.08     | 26               | Ν                    | 1.5<br>1.5     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 17               | $A^1$                |
| RWMC M3S            | 07-07-98           | 0.03<br>0.03     | 2                | А                    | 0.80<br>0.78   | 2                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.03<br>0.03   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 18             | 07-20-98           | 0.03<br><0.02    | NC               | А                    | 0.57<br>0.62   | 6                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 7                | А                    |
| USGS 2              | 07-22-98           | 0.05<br>0.05     | 5                | А                    | 1.3<br>1.4     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 7                | А                    |
| CPP 2               | 09-30-98           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.99<br>1.0    | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 10               | А                    |

Table 6.Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for ammonia, nitrate+ nitrite, nitrite, and orthophosphate from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity,Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|           | Sample             |                | Ammon            | a                    |                | Nitrate + n      | itrite               |                | Nitrite          |                      |                | Orthophosp       | hate                 |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as P) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 2.4<br>2.5     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.03<br>0.03   | 5                | А                    |
| USGS 35   | 10-15-98           | 0.02<br><0.02  | NC               | А                    | 0.76<br>0.77   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 3                | А                    |
| USGS 1    | 10-20-98           | 0.02<br><0.02  | NC               | А                    | 0.93<br>4.9    | 97               | Ν                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br>0.02  | NC               | Ν                    |
| USGS 110A | 10-20-98           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 1.2<br>1.3     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 123  | 10-20-98           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.94<br>4.9    | 96               | Ν                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br>0.02  | NC               | Ν                    |
| USGS 76   | 10-22-98           | 0.02<br>0.02   | 4                | А                    | 1.1<br>1.1     | 1                | А                    | 0.01<br><0.01  | NC               | А                    | 0.03<br>0.03   | 3                | А                    |
| USGS 47   | 10-28-98           | 0.03<br><0.02  | NC               | Ν                    | 6.0<br>5.8     | 2                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.03   | 21               | Ν                    |
| USGS 83   | 04-01-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.49<br>0.50   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br>0.01  | NC               | А                    |
| JSGS 12   | 04-05-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 1.0<br>1.0     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 6                | А                    |
| EBR 1     | 04-13-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.37<br>0.38   | 2                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.02   | 10               | А                    |
| PAND W 2  | 04-14-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.34<br>0.34   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 18               | $A^1$                |
| SPERT 1   | 07-08-99           | 0.03<br>0.03   | 2                | А                    | 1.2<br>1.2     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.03<br>0.02   | 11               | А                    |
| RWMC M7S  | 07-12-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.69<br>0.70   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 8                | А                    |
| USGS 15   | 07-13-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 2.3<br>2.3     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| JSGS 114  | 10-06-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 3.6<br>3.6     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.01   | 13               | А                    |
| JSGS 11   | 10-07-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.62<br>0.62   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.01   | 7                | А                    |
| JSGS 20   | 10-14-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 1.4<br>1.4     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.02   | 20               | $A^1$                |
| JSGS 34   | 10-14-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.98<br>0.99   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02   | 0                | А                    |
| CFA 1     | 10-20-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 3.3<br>3.4     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.01   | 0                | А                    |
| JSGS 50   | 10-20-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 58<br>58       | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | 0.04<br>0.04   | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 105  | 10-25-99           | <0.02<br><0.02 | NC               | А                    | 0.62<br>0.62   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01 | NC               | А                    |

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|                     | Sample             |                  | Ammoni           | ia                   |                | Nitrate + n      | itrite               |                  | Nitrite          |                      |                  | Orthophosp       | hate                 |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name           | collection<br>date | (mg/L<br>as N)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as P)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 121            | 10-25-99           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.74<br>0.75   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br>0.01    | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 52             | 10-25-99           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 2.2<br>2.2     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02     | 20               | $A^1$                |
| USGS 23             | 10-27-99           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.82<br>0.82   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    |
| PSTF Test           | 04-04-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.59<br>0.59   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02     | 7                | А                    |
| USGS 98             | 04-04-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 1.2<br>1.2     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | 0.01<br>0.02     | 25               | Ν                    |
| USGS 12             | 04-05-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.90<br>0.90   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02     | 6                | А                    |
| USGS 125            | 04-11-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.60<br>0.60   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 26             | 04-12-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.86<br>0.88   | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 27             | 04-12-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 2.6<br>2.6     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 102            | 07-10-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 1.9<br>1.9     | 1                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02     | 4                | А                    |
| USGS 31             | 07-10-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.91<br>0.91   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    |
| Badging<br>Facility | 07-13-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 0.73<br>0.73   | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02     | 0                | А                    |
| Area 2              | 07-18-00           | <0.02<br><0.02   | NC               | А                    | 1.1<br>1.1     | 0                | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    | <0.01<br><0.01   | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 97             | 09-27-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 1.1<br>1.8     | 34               | Ν                    | <0.006<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.03   | NC               | Ν                    |
| USGS 82             | 09-28-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.56<br>0.57   | 1                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | 0.02 E<br>0.02 E | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 11             | 10-05-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.64<br>0.64   | 1                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 124            | 10-05-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.77<br>0.78   | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | <0.018<br><0.018 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 57             | 10-05-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 3.4<br>3.4     | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02     | 7                | А                    |
| USGS 77             | 10-06-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 3.2<br>3.2     | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.02 E | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 50             | 10-10-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 43<br>44       | 1                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | 0.04<br>0.04     | 0                | А                    |

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[Locations of sites are shown in figures 1–4. Concentrations in table are rounded results, but relative standard deviations (RSDs) were calculated using unrounded results. **Reproducibility:** A, acceptable; N, not acceptable. **Abbreviations:** mg/L, milligrams per liter; N, nitrogen; P, phosphorous; E, estimated; <, less than; NC, not calculated because one or both concentrations were below the reporting level]

|             | Sample             |                  | Ammon            | a                    |                | Nitrate + n      | itrite               |                   | Nitrite          |                      | (                 | Orthophosp       | hate                 |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name   | collection<br>date | (mg/L<br>as N)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as N)    | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (mg/L<br>as P)    | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| RWMC M13S   | 10-17-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.34<br>0.35   | 1                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 104    | 10-23-00           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.78<br>0.78   | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| JSGS 103    | 04-04-01           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.76<br>0.77   | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | <0.018<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 17     | 04-04-01           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.38<br>0.38   | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| Site 14     | 04-05-01           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.55<br>0.56   | 1                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | <0.018<br><0.018  | NC               | А                    |
| JSGS 9      | 04-11-01           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.61<br>0.65   | 4                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| JSGS 127    | 04-18-01           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.55<br>0.56   | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| CFA LF 2-10 | 04-30-01           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 1.2<br>1.2     | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | 0.045<br>0.01 E   | NC               | Ν                    |
| JSGS 84     | 04-30-01           | <0.041<br><0.041 | NC               | А                    | 0.74<br>0.74   | 0                | А                    | <0.006<br><0.006  | NC               | А                    | <0.018<br>0.011 E | NC               | А                    |
| Site 9      | 07-05-01           | <0.04<br><0.04   | NC               | А                    | 0.64<br>0.66   | 2                | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02      | 0                | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| JSGS 29     | 07-16-01           | <0.04<br><0.04   | NC               | А                    | 2.3<br>2.3     | 0                | А                    | $0.008 \\ 0.008$  | 0                | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| Site 17     | 07-30-01           | <0.04<br><0.04   | NC               | А                    | 1.1<br>1.1     | 0                | А                    | 0.004 E<br><0.006 | NC               | А                    | 0.01 E<br>0.01 E  | NC               | А                    |
| JSGS 38     | 10-11-01           | <0.04<br><0.04   | NC               | А                    | 3.1<br>3.1     | 0                | А                    | <0.008<br><0.008  | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02 E    | NC               | А                    |
| JSGS 42     | 10-17-01           | <0.04<br><0.04   | NC               | А                    | 1.6<br>1.6     | 1                | А                    | <0.008<br><0.008  | NC               | А                    | 0.02<br>0.02      | 3                | А                    |
| JSGS 43     | 10-22-01           | <0.04<br>0.02 E  | NC               | А                    | 4.8<br>21      | 88               | Ν                    | <0.008<br><0.008  | NC               | А                    | 0.02 E<br>0.03    | NC               | Ν                    |

<sup>1</sup>Replicate pair concentrations were within  $\pm 0.5$  times the reporting level.

 Table 7.
 Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for selected metals

 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

|           | Sample     |        | Alumin           | um                   |        | Antimo           | ny                   |        | Arseni           | C                    |        | Bariu            | n                    |
|-----------|------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection | (µg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| No Name 1 | 10-01-96   | 12     | 0                | А                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 2      | 0                | А                    | 70     | 1                | А                    |
|           |            | 12     |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 2      |                  |                      | 69     |                  |                      |
| ANP 9     | 10-27-97   | 4.3    | 2                | А                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 2      | 28               | Ν                    | 86     | 1                | А                    |
|           |            | 4.2    |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 3      |                  |                      | 85     |                  |                      |
| USGS 7    | 04-13-98   | 5      | 7                | А                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 4      | 0                | А                    | 16     | 1                | А                    |
|           |            | 4      |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 4      |                  |                      | 16     |                  |                      |
| USGS 65   | 04-28-98   | 5      | 2                | А                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 1      | 0                | А                    | 49     | 0                | А                    |
|           |            | 5      |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 1      |                  |                      | 49     |                  |                      |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98   | 5      | 0                | А                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 1      | 8                | А                    | 138    | 1                | А                    |
|           |            | 5      |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 1      |                  |                      | 139    |                  |                      |
| PSTF Test | 04-04-00   | 1      | 8                | А                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 2      | 1                | А                    | 68     | 1                | А                    |
|           |            | 1.3    |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 2      |                  |                      | 67     |                  |                      |
| USGS 98   | 04-04-00   | 3      | 43               | Ν                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 1 E    | NC               | А                    | 56     | 1                | А                    |
|           |            | 5      |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 2 E    |                  |                      | 55     |                  |                      |
| USGS 26   | 04-12-00   | 2      | 0                | А                    | <1     | NC               | А                    | 2      | 7                | А                    | 36     | 0                | А                    |
|           |            | 2      |                  |                      | <1     |                  |                      | 3      |                  |                      | 36     |                  |                      |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00   | 2      | 5                | А                    | 0.1    | 4                | А                    | 2      | 8                | А                    | 122    | 0                | А                    |
|           |            | 2      |                  |                      | 0.1    |                  |                      | 2      |                  |                      | 123    |                  |                      |
| USGS 84   | 04-30-01   | 4      | 3                | А                    | 0.1    | 3                | А                    | 2 E    | NC               | А                    | 81     | 0                | А                    |
|           |            | 4      |                  |                      | 0.1    |                  |                      | 2 E    |                  |                      | 81     |                  |                      |

|           | Sample             |                | Berylli         | um                   |              | Cadmiu           | IM                   |              | Cobal            | t                    |          | Coppe            | r                    |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (µg/L) (       | RSD<br>percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| No Name 1 | 10-14-96           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| ANP 9     | 10-27-97           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 7    | 04-13-98           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 65   | 04-28-98           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| PSTF Test | 04-04-00           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 98   | 04-04-00           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | 1<br>1   | 4                | А                    |
| USGS 26   | 04-12-00           | <1<br><1       | NC              | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1     | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00           | <0.06<br><0.06 | NC              | А                    | 0.05<br>0.05 | 5                | А                    | 0.2<br>0.2   | 6                | А                    | 1<br>1   | 6                | А                    |
| USGS 84   | 04-30-01           | <0.06<br><0.06 | NC              | А                    | 0.2<br>0.2   | 0                | А                    | 0.08<br>0.09 | 3                | А                    | 2<br>2   | 1                | А                    |

**Table 7.** Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for selected metals

 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|           | Sample             |   | Lead             |                      |            | Mangan           | ese                  |                | Mercu            | ry                   |            | Molybde          | num                  |
|-----------|--------------------|---|------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (µg/L)                                    | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)         | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| No Name 1 | 10-14-96           | <1<br><1                                  | NC               | А                    | 2<br>2     | 0                | А                    | <0.1<br><0.1   | NC               | А                    | 6<br>6     | 0                | А                    |
| ANP 9     | 10-27-97           | <1<br><1                                  | NC               | А                    | 1<br><1    | NC               | А                    | <0.1<br><0.1   | NC               | А                    | 2.9<br>2.9 | 1                | А                    |
| USGS 7    | 04-13-98           | <1<br><1                                  | NC               | А                    | 3<br>3     | 4                | А                    | <0.1<br><0.1   | NC               | А                    | 4<br>4     | 1                | А                    |
| USGS 65   | 04-28-98           | 2<br>2                                    | 1                | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    | <0.1<br><0.1   | NC               | А                    | 3<br>2     | 1                | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98           | <1<br><1                                  | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    | <0.1<br><0.1   | NC               | А                    | 1<br>1     | 5                | А                    |
| PSTF Test | 04-04-00           | <1<br><1                                  | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    | <0.23<br><0.23 |                  | А                    | 2<br>2     | 1                | А                    |
| USGS 98   | 04-04-00           | 3<br>3                                    | 0                | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    | <0.23<br><0.23 |                  | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 26   | 04-12-00           | <1<br><1                                  | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    | <0.23<br><0.23 |                  | А                    | 3<br>3     | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00           | $\begin{array}{c} 0.8 \\ 0.8 \end{array}$ | 1                | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    | <0.23<br><0.23 |                  | А                    | 1.5<br>1.5 | 1                | А                    |
| USGS 84   | 04-30-01           | 12<br>12                                  | 0                | А                    | 0.2<br>0.3 | 26               | Ν                    | <0.01<br><0.01 |                  | А                    | 2<br>2     | 1                | А                    |

|           | Sample             |                | Nicke            | el                   |                | Seleniu          | IM                   |          | Silver           |                      |              | Thalliu         | m                    |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (11a/l)        | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)         | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L) (     | RSD<br>percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| No Name 1 | 10-14-96           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    |                | _                | _                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | <0.5<br><0.5 | NC              | А                    |
| ANP 9     | 10-27-97           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    | _              | -                | _                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | <0.5<br><0.5 | NC              | А                    |
| USGS 7    | 04-13-98           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    | _              | -                | _                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | <0.5<br><0.5 | NC              | А                    |
| USGS 65   | 04-28-98           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    | 2<br>2         | 13               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | _            | -               | -                    |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    | 2<br>2         | 16               | $A^1$                | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | _            | -               | -                    |
| PSTF Test | 04-04-00           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    | _              | -                | -                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | <0.5<br><0.5 | NC              | А                    |
| USGS 98   | 04-04-00           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    | <2.4<br>2.2 E  | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | _            | -               | -                    |
| USGS 26   | 04-12-00           | <1<br><1       | NC               | А                    | _              | -                | _                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | <0.5<br><0.5 | NC              | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00           | 2<br>1         | 22               | Ν                    | 2.0 E<br>1.8 E | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | _            | -               | -                    |
| USGS 84   | 04-30-01           | <0.06<br><0.06 | NC               | А                    | 1.7 E<br>1.8 E | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    | _            | _               | -                    |

**Table 7.** Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for selected metals

 from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

[Locations of sites are shown in figures 1–4. Concentrations in table are rounded results, but relative standard deviations (RSDs) were calculated using unrounded results. **Reproducibility:** A, acceptable; N, not acceptable. **Abbreviations:**  $\mu$ g/L, micrograms per liter; <, less than; E, estimated; NC, not calculated because one or both concentrations were below the reporting level; –, no data]

|           | Sample             |            | Uraniu           | m                    |            | Zinc             |                      |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (µg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| No Name 1 | 10-14-96           | 2<br>2     | 0                | А                    | 3<br>2     | 28               | Ν                    |
| ANP 9     | 10-27-97           | 2.3<br>2.3 | 1                | А                    | 12<br>11   | 6                | А                    |
| USGS 7    | 04-13-98           | 2.3<br>2.3 | 1                | А                    | 2<br>1     | 40               | Ν                    |
| USGS 65   | 04-28-98           | 2<br>2     | 1                | А                    | 368<br>366 | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98           | 2<br>2     | 0                | А                    | 91<br>90   | 0                | А                    |
| PSTF Test | 04-04-00           | 2<br>2     | 1                | А                    | <1<br>1.5  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 98   | 04-04-00           | 2<br>2     | 0                | А                    | 123<br>119 | 2                | А                    |
| USGS 26   | 04-12-00           | 2<br>2     | 1                | А                    | <1<br><1   | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00           | 2<br>2     | 0                | А                    | 108<br>102 | 4                | А                    |
| USGS 84   | 04-30-01           | 2<br>2     | 0                | А                    | 391<br>390 | 0                | А                    |

 $^{1}$ Replicate pair concentrations were within  $\pm 0.5$  times the reporting level.

**Table 8.** Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for total dissolved chromium and hexavalent chromium from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

|           | Sample             | Total o  | dissolved ch     | romium               | Hex      | avalent chro     | mium                 |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (µg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 125  | 01-09-96           | 6<br>5   | 13               | А                    | 1<br><1  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 83   | 04-01-96           | 9<br>13  | 26               | Ν                    | 20<br>17 | 11               | А                    |
| USGS 34   | 04-02-96           | 17<br>19 | 8                | А                    | 28<br>34 | 14               | А                    |
| USGS 79   | 04-02-96           | 8<br><5  | NC               | Ν                    | 5<br>8   | 33               | Ν                    |
| USGS 5    | 04-10-96           | <5<br><5 | NC               | А                    | 1<br>2   | 47               | Ν                    |
| USGS 9    | 04-16-96           | 5<br>5   | 0                | А                    | 2<br>2   | 0                | А                    |
| MTR TEST  | 04-17-96           | 5<br><5  | NC               | А                    | 2<br>3   | 28               | Ν                    |
| USGS 109  | 04-17-96           | <5<br>5  | NC               | А                    | 3<br><1  | NC               | Ν                    |
| TRA DISP  | 04-18-96           | 13<br>14 | 5                | А                    | 5<br>3   | 35               | Ν                    |
| Site 14   | 04-24-96           | <5<br>7  | NC               | А                    | 3<br>2   | 28               | Ν                    |
| TRA 1     | 07-18-96           | <5<br><5 | NC               | А                    | <1<br>2  | NC               | Ν                    |
| TRA 3     | 07-18-96           | <5<br><5 | NC               | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 66   | 07-25-96           | 35<br>40 | 9                | А                    | 24<br>27 | 8                | А                    |
| USGS 72   | 07-30-96           | <5<br><5 | NC               | А                    | <1<br>1  | NC               | А                    |
| No Name 1 | 10-14-96           | 8<br>8   | 0                | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 27   | 10-15-96           | 9<br>8   | 8                | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 77   | 10-17-96           | 14<br>13 | 5                | А                    | 3<br>6   | 47               | Ν                    |
| USGS 73   | 10-23-96           | 80<br>77 | 3                | А                    | 54<br>15 | 80               | Ν                    |
| USGS 38   | 10-25-96           | 8<br>7   | 9                | А                    | <1<br><1 | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 54   | 01-23-97           | 16<br>15 | 5                | А                    | _        | _                | _                    |

**Table 8.** Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for total dissolved chromium and hexavalent chromium from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|            | Sample             | Total o    | dissolved ch     | romium               | Hex    | avalent chro     | mium                 |
|------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name  | collection<br>date | (µg/L)     | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 60    | 04-02-97           | 10<br>10   | 3                | А                    |        | _                | _                    |
| USGS 109   | 04-03-97           | 7<br>8     | 11               | А                    | _      | -                | _                    |
| USGS 86    | 04-03-97           | 13<br>11   | 13               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| CPP 5      | 04-08-97           | <5<br>15   | NC               | Ν                    | _      | -                | _                    |
| NPR Test   | 04-08-97           | 7<br>8     | 7                | А                    | _      | -                | _                    |
| USGS 63    | 04-22-97           | 33<br>30   | 8                | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 101   | 04-28-97           | <5<br><5   | NC               | А                    | _      | -                | _                    |
| USGS 58    | 05-05-97           | 14<br>14   | 1                | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| CWP 1      | 07-15-97           | 5<br><5    | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 108   | 10-07-97           | 11<br>10   | 5                | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 8     | 10-08-97           | 6<br>7     | 7                | А                    | _      | -                | _                    |
| PW 8       | 10-21-97           | 12<br>11   | 1                | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| SITE 4     | 10-21-97           | 7<br>7     | 8                | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| ANP 9      | 10-27-97           | 4<br>4     | 0                | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 5     | 03-31-98           | <14<br><14 | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 19    | 04-08-98           | <14<br><14 | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 7     | 04-13-98           | 4<br>4     | 7                | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| Highway 3  | 04-20-98           | <14<br><14 | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| Arbor Test | 04-22-98           | <14<br><14 | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 65    | 04-28-98           | 174<br>174 | 0                | А                    | _      | -                | -                    |

**Table 8.** Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for total dissolved chromium and hexavalent chromium from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

|           | Sample             | Total d      | lissolved ch     | romium               | Hex    | avalent chro     | mium                 |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------|
| Site name | collection<br>date | (µg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 69   | 07-01-98           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    |        | _                | _                    |
| TRA 4     | 07-21-98           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| CPP 2     | 09-30-98           | <14<br>8 E   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98           | 8<br>8       | 3                | А                    | _      | _                | -                    |
| USGS 1    | 10-20-98           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 110A | 10-20-98           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| WS INEL 1 | 10-20-98           | 11 E<br>10 E | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | -                    |
| USGS 68   | 12-01-98           | <70<br><70   | NC               | А                    |        | _                | _                    |
| USGS 99   | 03-31-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 79   | 04-01-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 83   | 04-01-99           | 11 E<br>11 E | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 12   | 04-05-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    |        | _                | _                    |
| EBR 1     | 04-13-99           | 9 E<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| USGS 61   | 04-13-99           | 12 E<br>10 E | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| PAND W 2  | 04-14-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    |        | _                | _                    |
| USGS 100  | 04-19-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | -                | _                    |
| CPP 1     | 04-26-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| CWP 3     | 06-30-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | _                    |
| TRA 1     | 07-21-99           | <14<br><14   | NC               | А                    |        | _                | -                    |
| USGS 11   | 10-07-99           | 15<br>7 E    | NC               | А                    | _      | _                | -                    |

**Table 8.**Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptablereproducibility for total dissolved chromium and hexavalent chromium from replicate pairs collectedfrom selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| Site name | Sample<br>collection<br>date | Total dissolved chromium |                  |                      | Hexavalent chromium |                  |                      |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|           |                              | (µg/L)                   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)              | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 34   | 10-14-99                     | 9 E<br><14               | NC               | А                    |                     | _                | _                    |
| USGS 58   | 10-21-99                     | 16<br>12 E               | NC               | А                    |                     | _                | _                    |
| USGS 105  | 10-25-99                     | 10 E<br>8 E              | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 23   | 10-27-99                     | <14<br>9 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| CFA 2     | 01-19-00                     | 13 E<br>13 E             | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| PSTF Test | 04-04-00                     | 2.9<br>2.8               | 4                | А                    |                     | -                | _                    |
| USGS 98   | 04-04-00                     | 6.3<br>5.5               | 10               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 12   | 04-05-00                     | <14<br><14               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| MTR TEST  | 04-10-00                     | <14<br><14               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 125  | 04-11-00                     | <14<br><14               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 26   | 04-12-00                     | 2.9<br>2.3               | 15               | Ν                    | _                   | _                | -                    |
| USGS 27   | 04-12-00                     | <14<br><14               | NC               | А                    |                     | _                | _                    |
| CWP 2     | 07-17-00                     | <14<br><14               | NC               | А                    |                     | _                | _                    |
| USGS 66   | 07-25-00                     | <14<br><14               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 62   | 09-27-00                     | 9 E<br>8 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00                     | 6.1<br>6.1               | 0                | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 58   | 10-04-00                     | 9 E<br>6 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 60   | 10-04-00                     | 7 E<br><10               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 11   | 10-05-00                     | 8 E<br><14               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |

 Table 8.
 Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for total dissolved chromium and hexavalent chromium from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| Site name   | Sample<br>collection<br>date | Total dissolved chromium |                  |                      | Hexavalent chromium |                  |                      |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
|             |                              | (µg/L)                   | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)              | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| USGS 77     | 10-06-00                     | 16<br>10 E               | NC               | А                    |                     | _                | _                    |
| RWMC M13S   | 10-17-00                     | 8 E<br>5 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 73     | 04-02-01                     | 21<br>20                 | 2                | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 103    | 04-04-01                     | 8 E<br>7 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | -                | _                    |
| USGS 17     | 04-04-01                     | <10<br>7 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| Site 14     | 04-05-01                     | 8 E<br>6 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 9      | 04-11-01                     | 8 E<br><10               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| RWMC M14S   | 04-17-01                     | 17<br>16                 | 5                | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 127    | 04-18-01                     | 12<br>12                 | 0                | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| CFA LF 2-10 | 04-30-01                     | 13<br>10                 | 13               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 84     | 04-30-01                     | 20<br>20                 | 3                | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 126A   | 07-10-01                     | <10<br><10               | NC               | А                    | _                   | -                | _                    |
| USGS 126B   | 07-10-01                     | <10<br><10               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| TRA 3       | 07-19-01                     | 5 E<br><10               | NC               | А                    | _                   | -                | _                    |
| Site 17     | 07-30-01                     | <10<br><10               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| PW 8        | 10-09-01                     | 6 E<br>7 E               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| USGS 38     | 10-11-01                     | <10<br><10               | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
| Arbor Test  | 10-15-01                     | <10                      | NC               | А                    | _                   | _                | _                    |
|             |                              | <10                      |                  |                      | -                   |                  | _                    |

Table 9. Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for selected volatile organic compounds from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001. [Locations of sites are shown in figures 1-4. Concentrations in table are rounded results, but relative standard deviations (RSDs) were calculated using unrounded concentration results. **Reproducibility:** A, acceptable; N, not acceptable. **Abbreviations:** µg/L, micrograms per liter; <, less than; E, estimated; NC, not calculated because one or both concentrations were below the reporting level; -, no data]

| House         Index         Index <th< th=""><th></th><th>Sample</th><th>1,1</th><th>1,1-dichloroethene</th><th>ethene</th><th></th><th>Tetrachloroethene</th><th>ethene</th><th>Te</th><th>Tetrachloromethane</th><th>rethane</th><th></th><th>Toluene</th><th></th><th>1,1,</th><th>1,1,1-Trichloroethane</th><th>oethane</th><th>-</th><th>Trichloroethene</th><th>thene</th><th>Ę</th><th>Trichloromethane</th><th>thane</th></th<> |                   | Sample               | 1,1          | 1,1-dichloroethene | ethene              |              | Tetrachloroethene | ethene               | Te           | Tetrachloromethane | rethane              |              | Toluene |                      | 1,1,         | 1,1,1-Trichloroethane | oethane              | -            | Trichloroethene  | thene                | Ę            | Trichloromethane        | thane                |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | Site name         | collection<br>date ( | (hg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent)   | Reproduc<br>ibility |              | RSD<br>(percent)  | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent)   | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (hg/L)       |         | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (hg/L)       |                       | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |              | (µg/L) RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| 97         014566         012 </td <td>WMC<br/>Production</td> <td>01-16-96</td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>NC</td> <td></td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>NC</td> <td></td> <td>4.4<br/>4.4</td> <td>0</td> <td>A</td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>NC</td> <td>A</td> <td>0.6</td> <td>0</td> <td>A</td> <td>2.3<br/>2.4</td> <td>ε</td> <td>А</td> <td>0.7<br/>0.7</td> <td>0</td> <td>A</td>  | WMC<br>Production | 01-16-96             | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 |                     | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                |                      | 4.4<br>4.4   | 0                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | A                    | 0.6          | 0                     | A                    | 2.3<br>2.4   | ε                | А                    | 0.7<br>0.7   | 0                       | A                    |
| $ \begin{array}{                                     $  | SGS 87            |                      | <0.2         | NC                 | А                   | <0.2         | NC                | A                    | 1.8          | 4                  | А                    | <0.2         | NC      | A                    | <0.2         | NC                    | Α                    | 0.5          | 0                | A                    | <0.2         | NC                      | А                    |
| 41         041256         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.         4.0         0.2         0.0         4.0         0.2         0.0         4.0         0.2         0.0         4.0         0.2         0.0         4.0         0.2         0.0         4.0         0.2         0.0         4.0         0.2         0.0         4.0         0.2  |                   |                      | <0.2         |                    |                     | <0.2         |                   |                      | 1.7          |                    |                      | <0.2         |         |                      | <0.2         |                       |                      | 0.5          |                  |                      | <0.2         |                         |                      |
|   | SGS 34            | 04-02-96             | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | A                    | 0.2 0.2      | 0                     | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
|   | SGS 117           |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | V                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | V                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | V                    |
| $ \begin{array}{ ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | o Name 1          |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | V                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | V                    |
| 8         10-25-96         0.2         NC         402         0.2         0.2         NC         402         0.2 <td>SGS 77</td> <td>10-17-96</td> <td>0.2<br/>0.2</td> <td>0</td> <td>A</td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>NC</td> <td>A</td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>I</td> <td>A</td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>NC</td> <td>V</td> <td>0.4<br/>0.4</td> <td>0</td> <td>A</td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>NC</td> <td>A</td> <td>&lt;0.2<br/>&lt;0.2</td> <td>NC</td> <td>A</td>   | SGS 77            | 10-17-96             | 0.2<br>0.2   | 0                  | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | V                    | 0.4<br>0.4   | 0                     | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
|   | SGS 38            |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | V                    | 0.3<br>0.2   | 28                    | Z                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
|   | SGS 107           |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | 6 dN              |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | ¥                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | SGS 117           |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | V                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | SGS 7             |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | ¥                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | SGS 65            |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | ¥                    | 0.3<br>0.3   | 0                     | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | V                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | 2GS 90            |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | 2.9<br>2.9   | 1                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | V                    | 0.4<br>0.4   | 0                     | A                    | 1.3<br>1.3   | 1                | A                    | 0.3<br>0.4   | 1                       | A                    |
| 01-13-99          NC         A         0.4         39         N         1.6         2         A         0.4         30         N         0.2         1         A         0.7         1           <0.2   | SGS 97            |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | V                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |
| 04-05-99 <0.2 NC A <0.2 NC A <0.2 - A <0.2 NC A <0.2 NC A <0.2 NC A <0.2 NC<br><0.2 <0.2 NC A <0.2 NC A <0.2 NC   | SGS 88            |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | 0.4<br>0.2   | 39                | Z                    | 1.6<br>1.6   | 0                  | A                    | 0.4<br>0.3   | 30      | z                    | 0.2<br>0.2   | П                     | A                    | 0.7<br>0.7   | 1                | A                    | 0.5<br>0.5   | 0                       | A                    |
|   | SGS 12            |                      | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | A                   | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | V                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                    | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    |

Table 9. Measured concentrations, relative standard deviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility for selected volatile organic compounds from replicate pairs collected from selected sites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

| Site name         collection<br>date           CPP 1         04-26-99           RWMC M7S         07-12-99           USGS 34         10-14-99           RWMC         01-13-00           Production         01-13-00           Production         01-13-00           PSTF         04-04-00           USGS 98         04-04-00           USGS 12         04-05-00 | ion<br>(µg/     | RSD              |                          |              |                         | anana                | 101          | letrachioromethane | letnane              |              | Toluene          | œ                    | 1,1          | 1,1,1-Trichloroethane   | roethane             | -            | Trichloroethene  | thene                | Trichl         | Trichloromethane    | ane                  |
|--|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 7S<br>(on  |                 | (µg/L) (percent) | Reproduc-<br>nt) ibility |              | (µg/L) RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (µg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent)   | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (hg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |              | (µg/L) RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (hg/L)       | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility | (hg/L) (p      | RSD Re<br>ercent) i | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
| 7S<br>(on  | 99 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | 1                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | ¥                    |
| uo   | 99 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | А                        | 0.3<br>0.3   | 7                       | А                    | 5.5<br>5.5   | 0                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | А                    | 0.7<br>0.7   | 0                       | А                    | 2.2<br>2.2   | 0                | А                    | 0.5            | 5                   | A                    |
| uo   | 99 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | 0.2<br>0.2   | 0                       | А                    | <0.2<0.2<0.2 | NC               | А                    | <0.2 N<br><0.2 | NC                  | ¥                    |
|  | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | А                        | 0.26<br>0.26 |                         | А                    | 5.0<br>5.0   | 1                  | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | А                    | 0.6<br>0.6   | -                       | A                    | 2.5<br>2.5   | 1                | А                    | 0.9<br>0.9     | _                   | A                    |
|  | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | A                    |
|  | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | А                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | ¥                    |
|  | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N<br><0.2 | NC                  | V                    |
| USGS 119 04-06-00  | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | 0.3<br>0.2   | $\tilde{\omega}$   | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N<br><0.2 | NC                  | ¥                    |
| USGS 26 04-12-00   | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | Α                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | A                    |
| RWMC 07-13-00<br>Production  | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | 0.2<br>0.2   | S                       | A                    | 4.9<br>5.1   | ŝ                  | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | 0.5<br>0.5   | 0                       | A                    | 2.3<br>2.4   | 0                | А                    | 0.9            | ŝ                   | A                    |
| USGS 97 09-27-00   | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | A                    |
| USGS 77 10-06-00   | 00 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | 0.2<br>0.2   | 3                       | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | V                    |
| USGS 88 01-23-01   | 01 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | 1.1<br>1.1   | 5                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | 0.1<br>0.1   | 7                       | A                    | 0.5          | 5                | A                    | 0.4            | _                   | V                    |
| USGS 84 04-30-01   | 01 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | I                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | 0.1<br>0.1   | 3                       | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | A                    |
| USGS 120 07-12-01  | 01 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | A                    | 2.9<br>2.9   | 2                  | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | 0.3<br>0.3   | 0                       | A                    | 0.9<br>0.9   | 1                | A                    | 0.5            | 0                   | A                    |
| USGS 38 10-11-01   | 01 <0.2<br><0.2 | .2 NC            | A                        | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                      | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC                 | А                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | 0.2<br>0.2   | ŝ                       | A                    | <0.2<br><0.2 | NC               | A                    | <0.2 N         | NC                  | A                    |

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Table 10.Measured concentrations, relative standarddeviations, and acceptable or not acceptable reproducibility fortotal organic carbon from replicate pairs collected from selectedsites at the Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

[Locations of sites are shown in figures <u>1</u>–<u>4</u>. Concentrations in table are rounded results, but relative standard deviations (RSDs) were calculated using unrounded results. **Reproducibility:** A, acceptable; N, not acceptable. **Abbreviations:** mg/L, milligrams per liter; E, estimated; NC, not calculated; <, less than; –, no data]

| Site name | Sample<br>collection<br>date | Total organic<br>carbon<br>(mg/L) | RSD<br>(percent) | Reproduc-<br>ibility |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| NO NAME 1 | 10-14-96                     | 0.6<br>1.3                        | 52               | Ν                    |
| USGS 27   | 10-15-96                     | 0.7<br>0.7                        | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 77   | 10-17-96                     | 0.5<br>0.3                        | 35               | Ν                    |
| USGS 38   | 10-25-96                     | 0.5<br>0.8                        | 33               | Ν                    |
| USGS 107  | 10-01-97                     | 0.3<br>0.3                        | 0                | А                    |
| USGS 108  | 10-07-97                     | <0.1<br>0.4                       | NC               | Ν                    |
| USGS 8    | 10-08-97                     | 0.5<br>0.1                        | 94               | Ν                    |
| USGS 101  | 10-16-97                     | 1.0<br>0.2                        | 94               | Ν                    |
| ANP 9     | 10-27-97                     | <0.1<br><0.1                      | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 97   | 10-14-98                     | 0.5<br>1                          | 47               | Ν                    |
| USGS 1    | 10-20-98                     | 1.2<br>0.2                        | 101              | Ν                    |
| USGS 110A | 10-20-98                     | 1.5<br>2                          | 20               | Ν                    |
| USGS 11   | 10-07-99                     | <0.27<br>0.16 E                   | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 34   | 10-14-99                     | 0.23 E<br>0.41                    | NC               | Ν                    |
| USGS 105  | 10-25-99                     | 2.2<br>0.73                       | 71               | Ν                    |
| USGS 23   | 10-27-99                     | 1.38<br>0.51                      | 65               | Ν                    |
| USGS 97   | 09-27-00                     | 0.91<br>0.69                      | 19               | Ν                    |
| USGS 11   | 10-05-00                     | <0.27<br><0.27                    | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 77   | 10-06-00                     | 0.15 E<br>0.17 E                  | NC               | А                    |
| RWMC M13S | 10-17-00                     | 0.45 E<br>0.51 E                  | NC               | А                    |
| USGS 38   | 10-11-01                     | 0.34 E<br>0.39 E                  | NC               | А                    |

Table 11.Percentage of replicate pairs with concentrationswith acceptable reproducibility for radiochemical, inorganic, andorganic constituents collected from selected sites at the IdahoNational Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

[Values in **bold** type indicate that the percentage of replicate pairs with concentrations with acceptable reproducibility was less than 90 percent]

| Constituent                             | Number of<br>replicate | concentr | e pairs with<br>ations with<br>reproducibility |
|---|------------------------|----------|--|
|   | pairs —                | Number   | Percentage                                     |
| Gross-alpha radioactivity               | 63                     | 63       | 100  |
| Gross-beta radioactivity                | 63                     | 61       | 97   |
| Cesium-137                              | 93                     | 91       | 98   |
| Tritium                                 | 204                    | 196      | 96   |
| Strontium-90                            | 123                    | 119      | 97   |
| Plutonium-238                           | 28                     | 28       | 100  |
| Plutonium-239+240                       | 28                     | 28       | 100  |
| Americium-241                           | 28                     | 27       | 96   |
| Sodium                                  | 131                    | 131      | 100  |
| Chloride                                | 202                    | 197      | 98   |
| Fluoride                                | 7                      | 7        | 100  |
| Sulfate                                 | 83                     | 83       | 100  |
| Ammonia                                 | 98                     | 91       | 93   |
| Nitrate + nitrite                       | 98                     | 94       | 96   |
| Nitrite                                 | 98                     | 95       | 97   |
| Orthophosphate                          | 98                     | 87       | 89   |
| Aluminum                                | 10                     | 9        | 90   |
| Antimony                                | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
| Arsenic                                 | 10                     | 9        | 90   |
| Barium                                  | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
| Beryllium                               | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
| Cadmium                                 | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
| Cobalt                                  | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
|   | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
| Copper<br>Lead                          | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
|   | 10                     | 9        | 90   |
| Manganese                               | 10                     |          |  |
| Mercury                                 | 10<br>10               | 10       | 100  |
| Molybdenum                              |                        | 10       | 100  |
| Nickel                                  | 10                     | 9        | 90   |
| Selenium                                | 5                      | 5        | 100  |
| Silver                                  | 10                     | 10       | 100  |
| Thallium                                | 5                      | 5        | 100  |
| Zinc                                    | 10                     | 8        | 80   |
| Chromium                                | 97                     | 93       | 96   |
| Hexavalent chromium                     | 19                     | 10       | 53   |
| Volatile organic compounds <sup>1</sup> |                        | 32       | 100  |
| 1,1-dichloroethene                      | 32                     | 32       | 100  |
| Tetrachloroethene                       | 32                     | 31       | 97   |
| Tetrachloromethane                      | 32                     | 32       | 100  |
| Toluene                                 | 32                     | 31       | 97   |
| 1,1,1-trichloroethane                   | 32                     | 31       | 97   |
| Trichloroethene                         | 32                     | 32       | 100  |
| Trichloromethane                        | 32                     | 32       | 100  |
| Total organic carbon                    | 21                     | 8        | 38   |

<sup>1</sup>Includes all volatile organic compounds (VOCs) except for the seven VOCs listed in this table.

Table 12.Ranges of concentrations, number of replicate pairs with<br/>calculated relative standard deviations, and pooled relative standard<br/>deviations for radiochemical, inorganic, and organic constituents, Idaho<br/>National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

[Abbreviations: RSD, relative standard deviation; pCi/L, picocuries per liter; Cs-137, cesium-137; mg/L, milligrams per liter;  $\mu$ g/L, micrograms per liter, N, nitrogen; P, phosphorous]

| Constituent                   | Concentration<br>range | Number of<br>replicate pairs<br>with calculated<br>RSDs | Pooled RSD<br>(percent) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Gross-beta radioactivity      | 6.0–12                 | 6   | 18                      |
| (pCi/L as Cs-137)             | 50-60                  | 1   | 17                      |
| Tritium (pCi/L)               | 500-<2,000             | 26  | 8.4                     |
|                               | 2,000-<20,000          | 43  | 7.2                     |
|                               | 20,000-80,000          | 5   | 1.3                     |
| Strontium-90 (pCi/L)          | 6.0–<12                | 8   | 23                      |
|                               | 12-<25                 | 10  | 6.1                     |
|                               | 25-250                 | 7   | 3.4                     |
| Sodium (mg/L)                 | 5-<30                  | 115   | 3.2                     |
|                               | 30-180                 | 15  | 2.6                     |
|                               | 600-700                | 1   | 1.3                     |
| Chloride (mg/L)               | 3-<20                  | 129   | 2.3                     |
|                               | 20-<60                 | 43  | 14                      |
|                               | 60-350                 | 30  | <sup>1</sup> 1.5        |
| Fluoride (mg/L)               | 0.2-0.3                | 7   | 6.6                     |
| Sulfate (mg/L)                | 10-70                  | 69  | 1.6                     |
|                               | 100-400                | 13  | 1.5                     |
|                               | 2,300-2,400            | 1   | 1.8                     |
| Ammonia (mg/L as N)           | 0.01-0.07              | 15  | 23                      |
|                               | 0.7–0.8                | 1   | 0.9                     |
| Nitrate + Nitrite (mg/L as N) | 0.3-< 0.7              | 30  | 2.0                     |
|                               | 0.7-6.0                | 65  | <sup>1</sup> 3.9        |
|                               | 10-60                  | 3   | 17                      |
| Nitrite (mg/L as N)           | 0.008-0.02             | 7   | 17                      |
| Orthophosphate (mg/L as P)    | 0.01-0.04              | 54  | 16                      |
|                               | 0.2-0.3                | 1   | 7.6                     |
| Aluminum (µg/L)               | 1.0-12                 | 10  | 12                      |
| Antimony (µg/L)               | 0.1-0.2                | 2   | 3.5                     |
| Arsenic (µg/L)                | 1.0-5.0                | 8   | 12                      |
| Barium (µg/L)                 | 15-150                 | 10  | 0.7                     |
| Cadmium (µg/L)                | 0.04-0.2               | 2   | 1.4                     |
| Cobalt (µg/L)                 | 0.08-0.3               | 2   | 6.4                     |
| Copper (µg/L)                 | 1.0-2.0                | 3   | 3.5                     |
| Lead $(\mu g/L)$              | 0.8-12                 | 4   | 0.6                     |
| Manganese (µg/L)              | 0.2-3.0                | 3   | 4.4                     |
| Molybdenum (µg/L)             | 1.0-6.0                | 9   | 0.9                     |
| Nickel (µg/L)                 | 1.0-2.0                | 1   | 22                      |
| Selenium (µg/L)               | 1.0-2.0                | 2   | 15                      |
| Uranium (µg/L)                | 1.0-3.0                | 10  | 0.7                     |
| Zinc ( $\mu$ g/L)             | 1.0–3.0                | 2   | 33                      |
|                               | 10–400                 | 6   | 1.2                     |

**Table 12.** Ranges of concentrations, number of replicate pairs withcalculated relative standard deviations, and pooled relative standarddeviations for radiochemical, inorganic, and organic constituents, IdahoNational Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.—Continued

[Abbreviations: RSD, relative standard deviation; pCi/L, picocuries per liter; Cs-137, cesium-137; mg/L, milligrams per liter;  $\mu$ g/L, micrograms per liter, N, nitrogen; P, phosphorous]

| Constituent                  | Concentration<br>range | Number of<br>replicate pairs<br>with calculated<br>RSDs | Pooled RSD<br>(percent) |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Chromium (µg/L)              | 2.0-<13                | 23  | 11                      |
|                              | 13–40                  | 13  | 5.1                     |
|                              | 70–200                 | 2   | 1.2                     |
| Hexavalent chromium (µg/L)   | 1.0-<10                | 7   | 40                      |
|                              | 10–40                  | 4   | 51                      |
| 1,1-dichloroethene (µg/L)    | 0.1-0.3                | 1   | 0.0                     |
| Tetrachloroethene (µg/L)     | 0.2–0.4                | 4   | 21                      |
| Tetrachloromethane (µg/L)    | 0.2–6.0                | 10  | 1.8                     |
| Toluene (µg/L)               | 0.3-0.4                | 1   | 30                      |
| 1,1,1-trichloroethane (µg/L) | 0.1-0.7                | 16  | 5.6                     |
| Trichloroethene (µg/L)       | 0.4–2.5                | 9   | 2.1                     |
| Trichloromethane (µg/L)      | 0.3-1.0                | 8   | 2.0                     |
| Total organic carbon (mg/L)  | 0.3-1.8                | 13  | 60                      |

<sup>1</sup>Two replicate pairs with switched sample bottles were excluded from calculation of the pooled RSD.

 Table 13.
 Measured concentrations of tritium, strontium-90, cesium-137, sodium, chloride, sulfate, chromium, hexavalent chromium, and ammonia from source-solution, field, and equipment blanks, Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity, Idaho, 1996–2001.

[Uncertainties for radionuclides are  $1\sigma$  combined standard uncertainties. Values in **bold** indicate that contamination bias was considered present in the blank. **Abbreviations:** DIW, deionized water; IBW, certified inorganic-free blank water; pCi/L, picocuries per liter; mg/L, milligrams per liter;  $\mu$ g/L, micrograms per liter; N, nitrogen; E, estimated; <, less than; –, no data]

| Blank<br>collection<br>date | Type of<br>blank   | Source<br>solution | Tritium<br>(pCi/L) | Strontium-90<br>(pCi/L) | Cesium-137<br>(pCi/L) | Sodium<br>(mg/L) | Chloride<br>(mg/L) | Sulfate<br>(mg/L) | Chromium<br>(µg/L) | Hexavalent<br>chromium<br>(µg/L) | Ammonia<br>(mg/L<br>as N) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10-28-96                    | Source             | DIW                | 0±400              | 1.1±1.4                 | 10±60                 | < 0.20           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | <5                 | 2                                | _                         |
| 04-25-96                    | Field              | DIW                | -100±400           | -0.2±1.5                | 2±22                  | _                | 0.2                | _                 | <5                 | <1                               | _                         |
| 10-28-96                    | Field              | DIW                | $150 \pm 460$      | -0.3±1.4                | _                     | < 0.20           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | _                  | _                                | _                         |
| 01-23-97                    | Field              | DIW                | 60±220             | 1.3±1.6                 | -                     | _                | < 0.10             | _                 | _                  | -                                | _                         |
| 07-22-97                    | Field              | DIW                | 30±220             | 0.3±1.4                 | _                     | _                | < 0.10             | _                 | _                  | _                                | _                         |
| 10-30-97                    | Field              | DIW                | 140±220            | $0.7{\pm}1.6$           | _                     | < 0.20           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | _                  | _                                | _                         |
| 01-22-98                    | Field              | DIW                | 10±240             | $0.8 \pm 1$             | _                     | _                | _                  | _                 | _                  | _                                | _                         |
| 04-13-98                    | Field              | DIW                | -40±220            | $0.5 \pm 1.4$           | -10±80                | _                | < 0.10             | _                 | _                  | _                                | _                         |
| 10-27-98                    | Field              | DIW                | 90±220             | 0.6±1.2                 |                       | < 0.06           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | <14                | _                                | _                         |
| 01-14-99                    | Field              | IBW                | -90±240            | $-0.7 \pm 1.2$          | _                     | _                | < 0.10             | _                 | _                  | _                                | _                         |
| 04-15-99                    | Field              | IBW                | -110±220           | $0.2{\pm}1.6$           | 30±60                 | _                | < 0.10             | _                 | _                  | -                                | _                         |
| 04-20-99                    | Field <sup>1</sup> | IBW                | 0±220              | $0.7{\pm}1.4$           | 13±40                 | < 0.06           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | <1                 | -                                | 0.03                      |
| 07-08-99                    | Field              | IBW                | -40±220            | $-0.2\pm1.6$            |                       | < 0.06           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | <14                | -                                | _                         |
| 04-24-00                    | Field              | DIW                | -190±220           | $1.4{\pm}1.6$           | $-20\pm80$            | _                | < 0.29             | _                 | _                  | -                                | _                         |
| 10-10-01                    | Field              | IBW                | -40±240            | 0.1±1.3                 |                       | < 0.09           | < 0.33             | E0.05             | <10                | -                                | _                         |
| 04-25-96                    | Equipment          | DIW                | 0±400              | $-0.8 \pm 1.4$          | $-50\pm80$            | _                | < 0.10             | _                 | <5                 | <1                               | _                         |
| 07-25-96                    | Equipment          | DIW                | -100±400           | $0.5 \pm 1.4$           |                       | 0.5              | 0.2                | < 0.10            | <5                 | <1                               | _                         |
| 10-28-96                    | Equipment          | DIW                | -400±400           | $-0.7 \pm 1.4$          | $-50\pm60$            | < 0.20           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | <5                 | 2                                | _                         |
| 01-23-97                    | Equipment          | DIW                | 70±220             | $-0.7 \pm 1.6$          | -                     | _                | 0.1                | _                 | _                  | -                                | _                         |
| 07-22-97                    | Equipment          | DIW                | 10±220             | $0.2 \pm 1.4$           | -                     | _                | < 0.10             | _                 | _                  | -                                | _                         |
| 10-29-97                    | Equipment          | DIW                | 50±220             | 2±1.6                   | _                     | < 0.20           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | <5                 | _                                | _                         |
| 10-30-97                    | Equipment          | DIW                | 10±220             | -0.3±1.6                | -                     | < 0.20           | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | _                  | -                                | _                         |
| 04-13-98                    | Equipment          | DIW                | -10±220            | $0.5 \pm 1.4$           | 10±40                 | _                | 0.55               | _                 | _                  | _                                | _                         |
| 10-27-98                    | Equipment          | DIW                | $160\pm240$        | 0.6±1                   | _                     | 0.73             | < 0.10             | < 0.10            | <14                | _                                | _                         |
| 07-08-99                    | Equipment          | IBW                | -10±220            | $-0.1 \pm 1.4$          | _                     | 0.13             | 0.15               | 0.57              | <14                | -                                | _                         |
| 04-24-00                    | Equipment          | DIW                | -140±220           | 1.3±1.6                 | -20±80                | _                | E 0.16             | _                 | _                  | -                                | _                         |
| 10-10-01                    | Equipment          | IBW                | 0±240              | -1.1±1.4                | -                     | < 0.09           | < 0.33             | < 0.10            | <10                | —                                | _                         |

<sup>1</sup>The field blank on April 20, 1999, also included results for gross-alpha, gross-beta, americium-241, plutonium-238, and plutonium-239 +240 radioactivity and nitrate + nitrite, nitrite, orthophosphate, metals, and volatile organic compound concentrations. Results for all of these constituents were less than the minimum detectable concentration or reporting level.

Table 14.Probability of success, confidence level, maximum concentration in blank samples,<br/>and minimum concentration in environmental samples, Idaho National Laboratory and vicinity,<br/>Idaho, 1996–2001.

[The minimum concentration in environmental samples was the minimum concentration from all sampling sites (field blank) or from the 21 wells where portable sampling equipment was used to collect the water samples (equipment blanks). **Probability of Success:** Probability that each blank (or environmental) sample is less than the m+1 sample concentration. **Abbreviation:** mg/L, milligrams per liter]

| Constituen | t Blank type | Number<br>of blank<br>results<br>(n) | Probability<br>of success<br>(p) | Confidence<br>level ( <i>cl</i> )<br>(percent) | Maximum<br>concentration in<br>blank samples<br>(m+1)<br>(mg/L) | Minimum<br>concentration in<br>environmental<br>samples<br>(mg/L) |
|------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Chloride   | Field        | 13                                   | 0.8                              | 95   | 0.2   | 2.6   |
|            | Equipment    | 12                                   | 0.8                              | 93   | 0.55  | 3.1   |
| Sodium     | Equipment    | 7                                    | 0.7                              | 91   | 0.73  | 6.1   |
| Sulfate    | Equipment    | 7                                    | 0.7                              | 91   | 0.57  | 13  |

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## Glossary

**Bias** A persistent positive or negative deviation of the mean value, obtained by using a specific method or procedure, from the true value.

**Blank samples** Used to identify potential sources of sample contamination and assess the magnitude of contamination with respect to target analytes (U.S. Geological Survey, 2006). Blanks discussed in this report include source-solution, equipment, and field blanks. Equipment blanks were collected at a sampling site and processed through portable sampling equipment (either a bailer or portable pump and tubing). Field blanks were collected at a sampling site and collected exactly like equipment blanks except that they were not processed through portable sampling equipment.

**Blind sample** A sample submitted for laboratory analysis with composition known to the submitter but unknown to the analyst (U.S. Geological Survey, 2006)

**Combined standard uncertainty** Standard uncertainty estimate reported at the 1 $\sigma$  confidence level by combining the standard uncertainties of the analysis (McCurdy and others, 2008, p. 18). For analyses performed at the U.S. Department of Energy Radiological Environmental Services Laboratory, uncertainties may include yields, half-lives, counting efficiencies, and counting times (Williams, 1997, p. 10).

**Quality assurance** A term used to describe programs and the sets of procedures, including (but not limited to) quality control procedures, which are necessary to assure data reliability (Friedman and Erdmann, 1982).

**Quality control** A term used to describe the routine procedures used to regulate measurements and produce data of satisfactory quality (Friedman and Erdmann, 1982).

**Quality-control data** Data from blank, replicate, reference, or spike samples. The data are used "to identify, quantify, and document bias and variability in data resulting from the collection, processing, shipping, and handling of samples" from field and laboratory personnel (U.S. Geological Survey, 2006, p. 133).

**Quality-control samples** Blank, replicate, reference, or spike samples.

**Reliability** "A statement of the error or precision of an estimate" (Spiegel, 1998, p. 194).

**Replicate samples** "Replicates—environmental samples collected in duplicate, triplicate, or greater multiples—are considered identical or nearly identical in composition and are analyzed for the same chemical properties" (U.S. Geological Survey, 2006, p. 143).

**Reproducability** "The closeness of agreement between individual results" (Kateman and Buydens, 1993, p. 11).

**Variability** "The degree of random error in independent measurements of the same quantity" (Mueller, 1998, p. vii).

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