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Subject: Unknown Marine Sample

The State of Alaska Environmental Health Laboratory is pleased to provide analytical results for the sample submitted on July 14, 2007.

Sample Condition

The sample was received in a 4oz. clear glass jar. The sample consisted of water with a partially dissolved, viscous, black colored material settled near the bottom of the jar.

Observations

No hydrocarbon sheen was observed on the surface of the water phase. Sensory panel observation of the sample did not detect the presence of hydrocarbons.

A wet mount of the sample was prepared by taking an aliquot of the black viscous material at the bottom of the jar. The sample was examined microscopically and primarily contained marine algae.

Sincerely,



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Analytical Chemistry Manager

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