



Managing Water for Life

SADCMET PTS July 2004

PTS Provider: Umgeni Water Laboratory Services

Enquiries: M Smuts

Tel: +27 33 341 1308

email:merle.smuts@umgeni.co.za

Date: 22 October 2004

Name removed

Laboratory Code: 003

CONFIDENTIAL

This report, and the Appendices hereto, contain information that is confidential to the SADCMET PTS Provider and to the participating laboratories of this study. The information contained herein shall only be used by the participants of this study for the purpose of interlaboratory performance evaluation. Any publication, copying or distribution of this report or its Appendices is strictly prohibited.

UMGENI WATER

HEAD OFFICE • PO Box 9 • Pietermaritzburg 3200
310 Burger Street • Pietermaritzburg 3201 • Republic of South Africa
341-1084
E-mail: <http://www.umgeni.co.za>

Chief Executive: G Moloi
General Managers: • M Msiwa • M Hildebrand • N Gevers • P Maphoshe • P Jonas

INTRODUCTION

The July 2004 SADCMET PTS consisted of the analysis of 6 synthetic water samples, 3 of which contained the cations calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, iron, manganese and aluminium, and 3 contained the anions sulphate, chloride, fluoride and nitrate.

1. STUDY DESIGN

1.1 SAMPLE PREPARATION

Samples 2004/06/1, 2 and 3 were constituted as follows and preserved with 1.5 mL HNO₃ (conc) per litre of sample:

Cation samples (constituted to 25L)				
Determinand	Chemical	2004/06/1	2004/06/2	2004/06/3
Calcium	CaCl ₂ .2H ₂ O	2.3489 g	4.4224 g	7.0465 g
Magnesium	MgCl ₂ .6H ₂ O	2.7041 g	4.3243 g	9.8145 g
Sodium	NaCl	0.6726 g	1.6555 g	3.2398 g
Potassium	KCl	0.1638 g	0.3658 g	0.4620 g
Iron	Fe Spectroscopic Grade Stock Solution (1000mg/L)	2.50 mL	30.0 mL	100 mL
Manganese	Mn Spectroscopic Grade Stock Solution (1000mg/L)	2.50 mL	10.0 mL	25.0 mL
Aluminium	Al Spectroscopic Grade Stock Solution (1000mg/L)	2.50 mL	15.0 mL	25.0 mL
Preservative	HNO ₃ (conc)	37.5 mL	37.5 mL	37.5 mL

Samples 2004/06/4, 5 and 6 were constituted as follows:

Anion samples (constituted to 25L)				
Determinand	Chemical	2004/06/4	2004/06/5	2004/06/6
Sulphate	K ₂ SO ₄	0.7521 g	1.2808 g	2.2274 g
Chloride	KCl	1.5316 g	2.2499 g	3.4558 g
Fluoride	NaF	0.6517g in 500mL water (Stock) 5.00mL Stock used	2.0127g in 500mL water (Stock) 5.00mL Stock used	2.0127g in 500mL water (Stock) 20.0mL Stock used
Nitrate	KNO ₃	0.3831 g	0.6401 g	1.265 g

NOTES:

- Grade A volumetric glassware and calibrated autopipettes, verified as complying to the relevant standard specification, were used in the preparation of stocks and samples.

2. AR grade chemicals, supplied by Merck, Riedel-de Haën and BDH, were used.
3. Grade I quality laboratory water (ISO 3696: 1987, Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods) was used for the preparation of the stocks and samples.

1.2 SAMPLE DISPATCH

Samples were dispatched to the participating laboratories on 22 July 2004. Single test analysis of the samples, as supplied, was requested. A Result Template was included. The return date for results was set as 31 August 2004.

2. STATISTICAL EVALUATION

2.1 The participants' results were statistically evaluated using z-scores based on robust summary statistics (the median and normalized interquartile ratios). Robust statistics minimize the effect of extreme results without excluding such data from the evaluation. The assigned value was calculated using the median of all results obtained.

3. RESULTS

The results are detailed in the following Appendices:

Appendix A: Individual Participant's results and evaluation assessment

Appendix B: All results received, and summary statistics

Appendix C: Z-scores for all Participants

Appendix D: Graphical display of all results per parameter

Appendix E: Graphical display of frequency and performance of methodologies used

4. COMMENTS

Please use the email system as the preferred medium of communication. All queries, comments and feedback may be forwarded to the PTS Provider.

M Smuts

PTS Provider : SADCMET PTS July 2004

APPENDIX A: Individual Participant's results and evaluation assessment

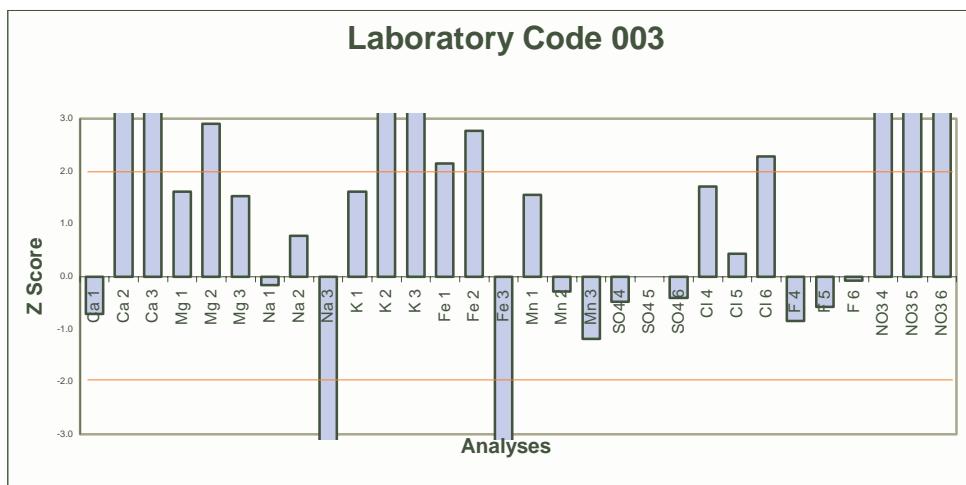
LABORATORY CODE 003

Parameter	Sample No.	Laboratory Results	Assigned value	z-score	% Satisfactory Results per parameter
Calcium as Ca in mg/L	1	24.9	26.7	-0.71	33
	2	62.5	50.6	3.48	
	3	119	78.2	4.54	
Magnesium as Mg in mg/L	1	16.2	13.4	1.61	67
	2	30.0	21.0	2.90	
	3	56.0	47.5	1.52	
Sodium as Na in mg/L	1	10.7	10.9	-0.16	67
	2	30.5	28.0	0.78	
	3	24.0	52.1	-3.60	
Potassium as K in mg/L	1	4.90	3.59	1.61	33
	2	19.0	7.80	9.57	
	3	21.0	9.93	8.69	
Iron as Fe in mg/L	1	0.37	0.11	2.15	0
	2	1.66	1.23	2.76	
	3	0.30	4.01	-8.34	
Manganese as Mn in mg/L	1	0.15	0.10	1.56	100
	2	0.38	0.40	-0.29	
	3	0.87	1.03	-1.18	
Aluminium as Al in mg/L	1	--		-	-
	2	--		-	
	3	--		-	

Parameter	Sample No.	Laboratory Results	Assigned value	z-score	% Satisfactory Results per parameter
Sulphate as SO ₄ in mg/L	4	15.4	18.5	-0.48	100
	5	29.6	29.6	0.00	
	6	45.9	49.7	-0.41	
Chloride as Cl in mg/L	4	35.7	31.3	1.71	67
	5	47.6	45.7	0.43	
	6	76.0	67.6	2.29	
Fluoride as F in mg/L	4	0.09	0.16	-0.85	100
	5	0.30	0.37	-0.57	
	6	1.40	1.42	-0.08	
Nitrate as N in mg/L	4	9.34	2.19	14.25	0
	5	14.6	3.47	24.7	
	6	30.7	6.88	15.97	

% Satisfactory Results Overall	57%
--------------------------------	-----

Z-score Graph for individual parameters



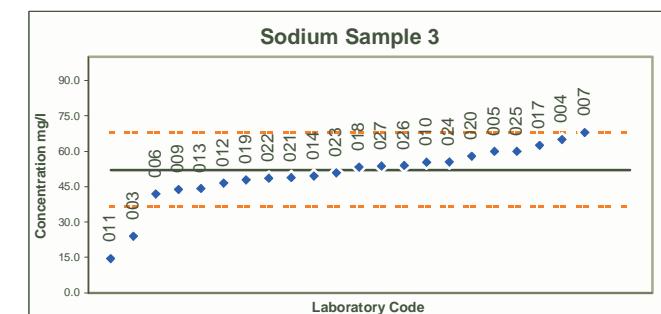
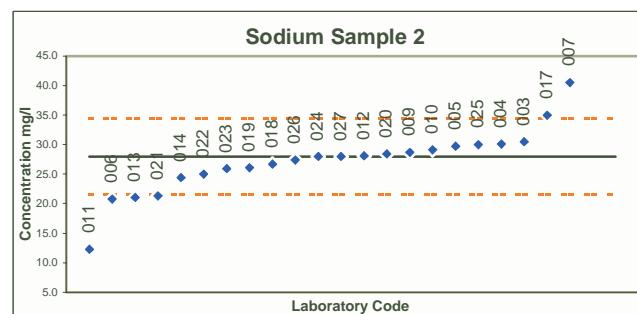
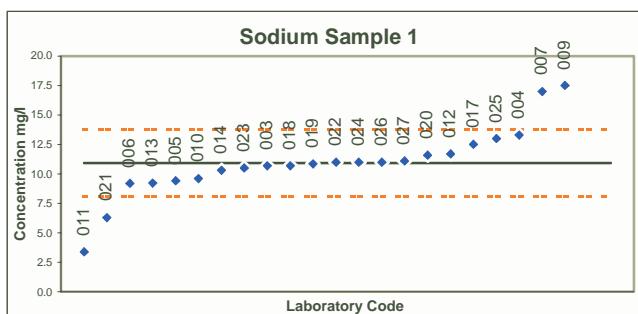
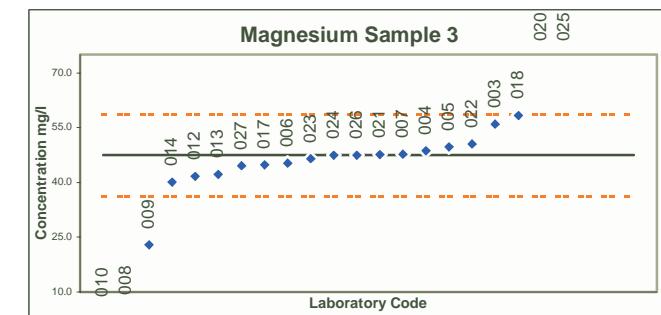
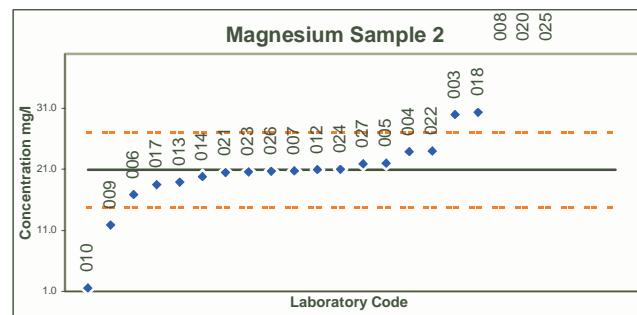
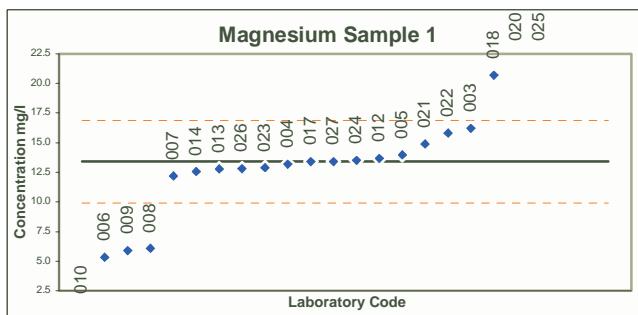
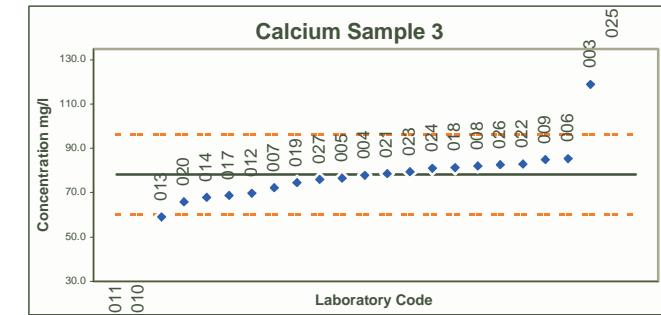
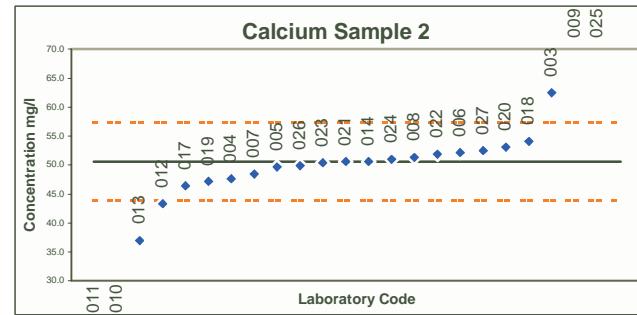
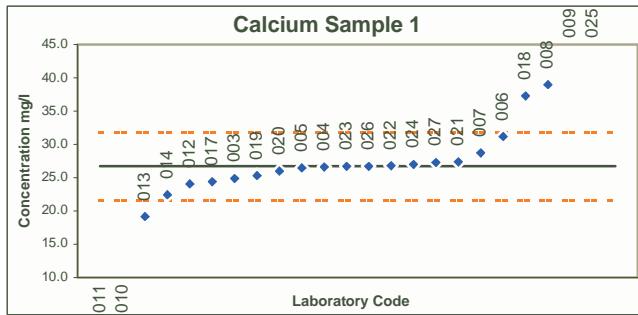
Performance Assessment

|z-Score| ≤ 2: Satisfactory
 2 < |z-Score| ≤ 3: Questionable
 |z-Score| > 3: Unsatisfactory

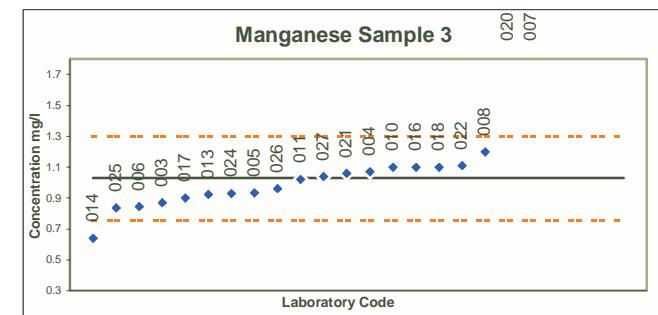
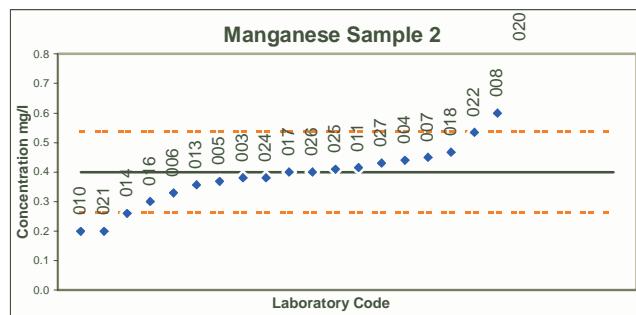
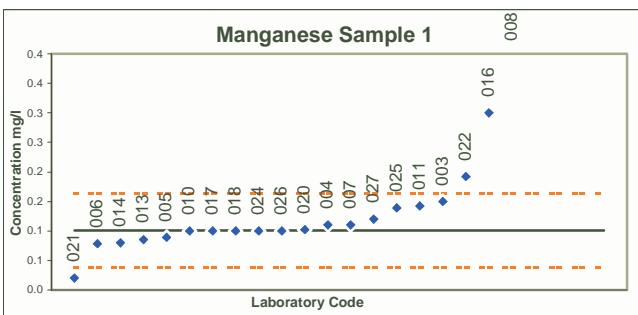
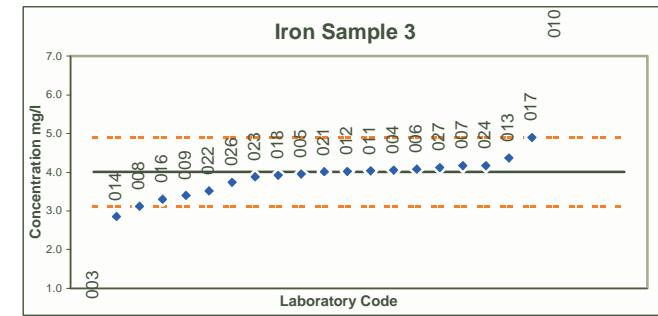
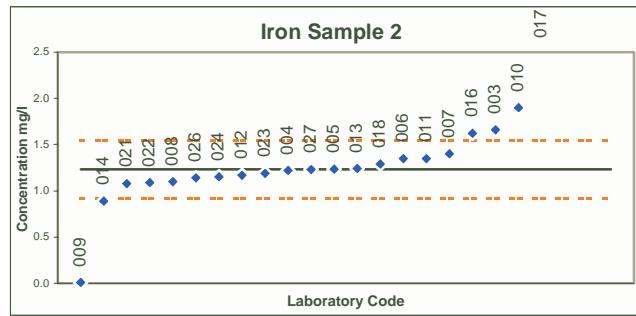
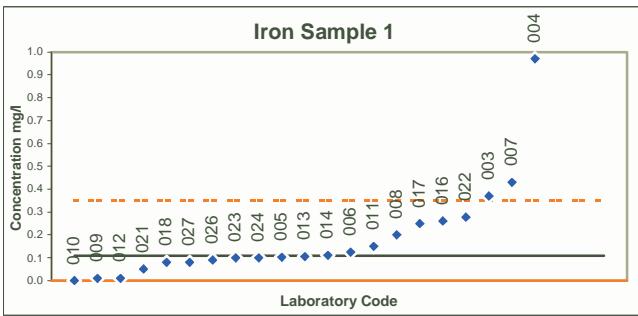
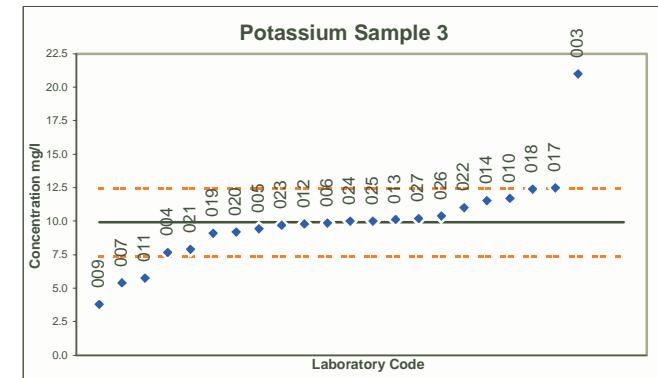
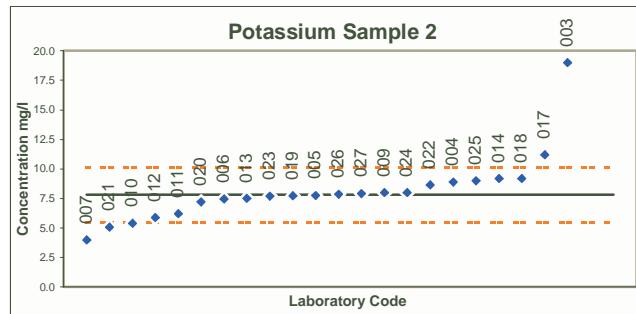
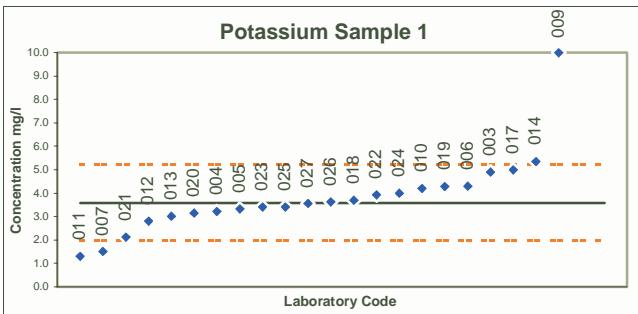
APPENDIX D: Graphical display of all results per parameter

LEGEND: Assigned value

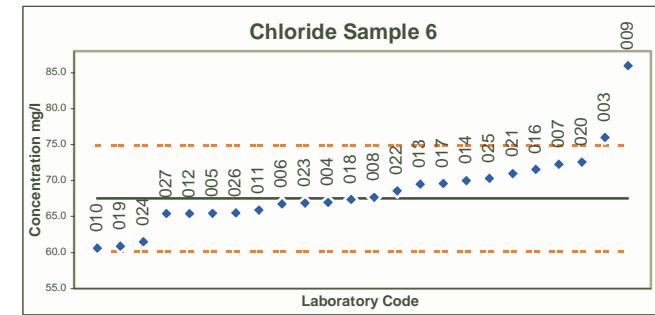
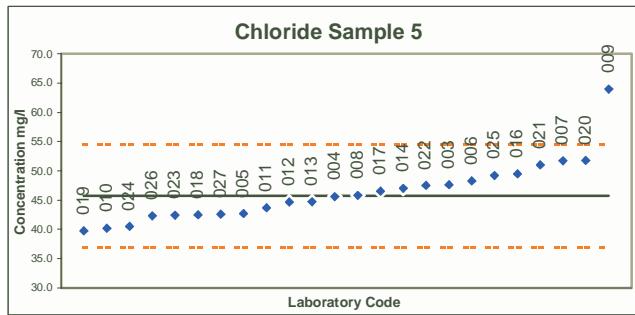
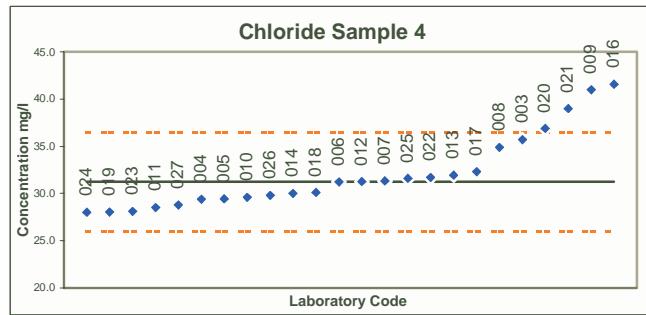
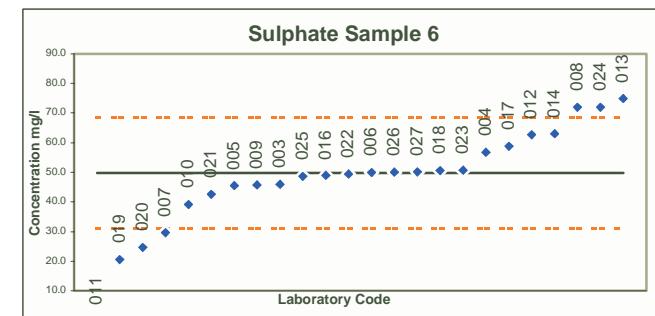
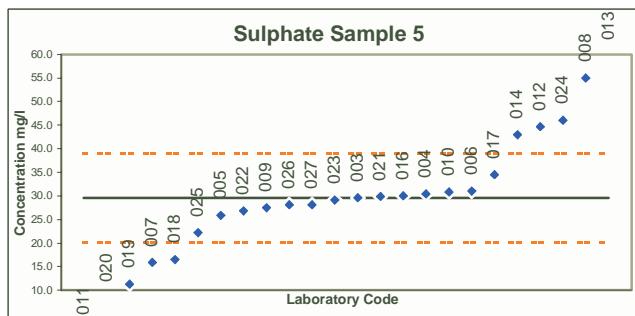
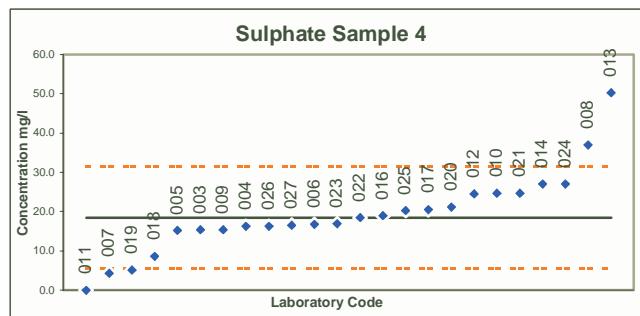
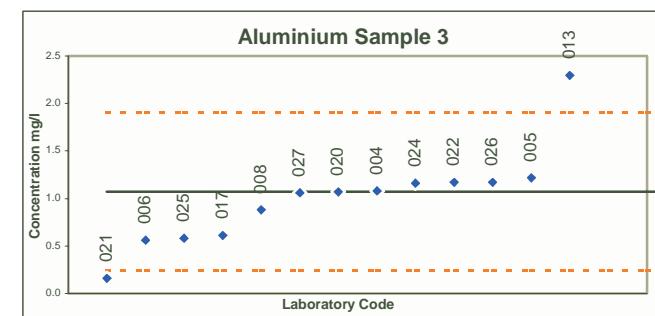
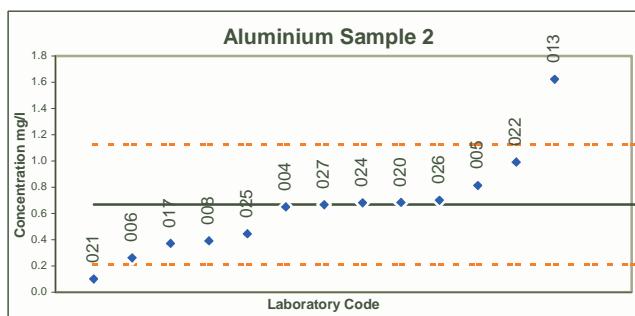
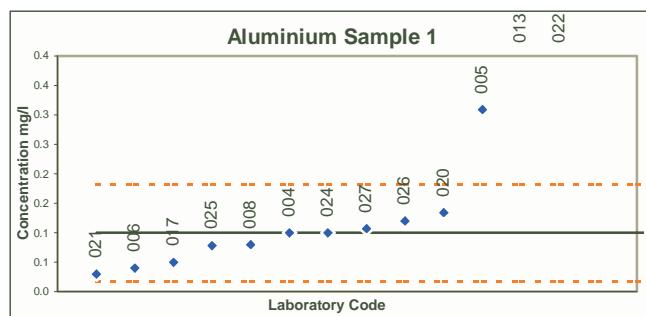
— Limits



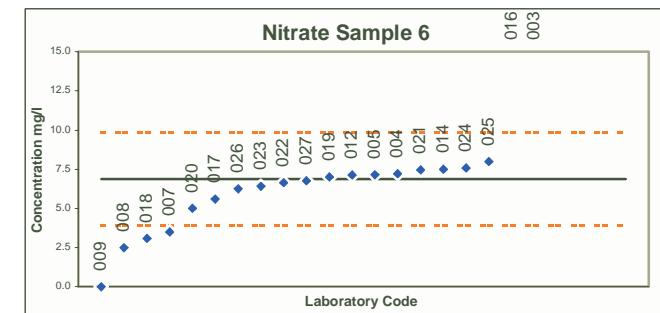
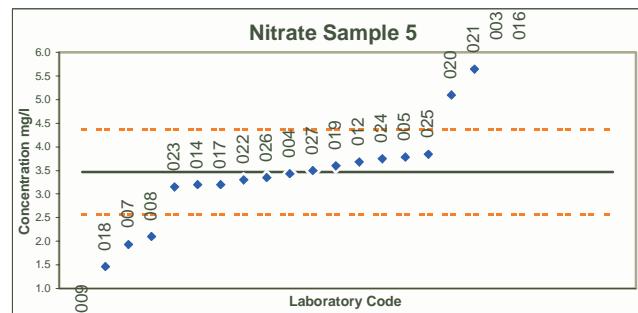
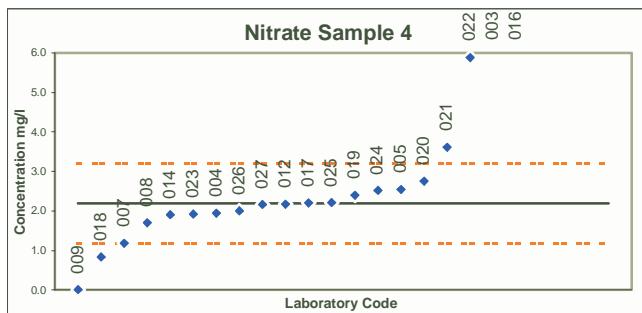
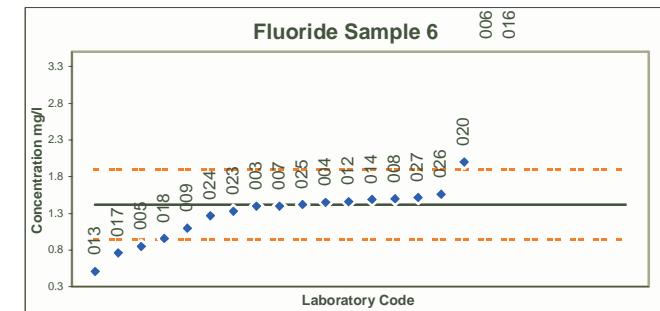
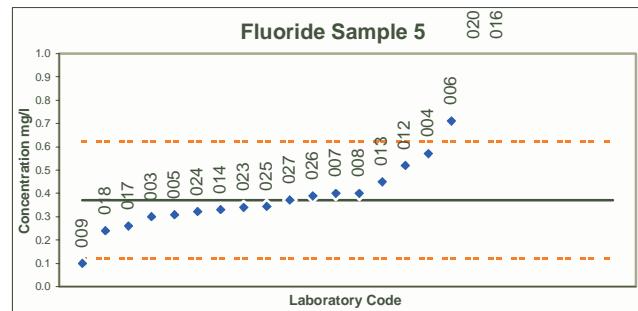
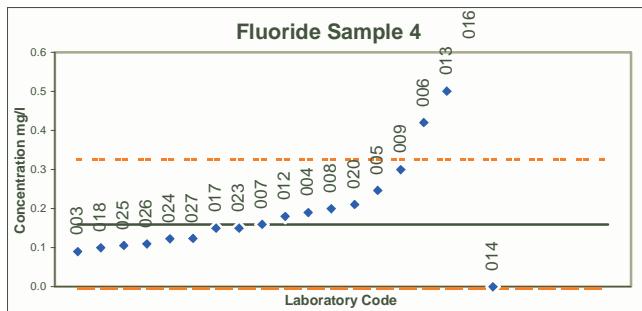
APPENDIX D: Graphical display of all results per parameter



APPENDIX D: Graphical display of all results per parameter

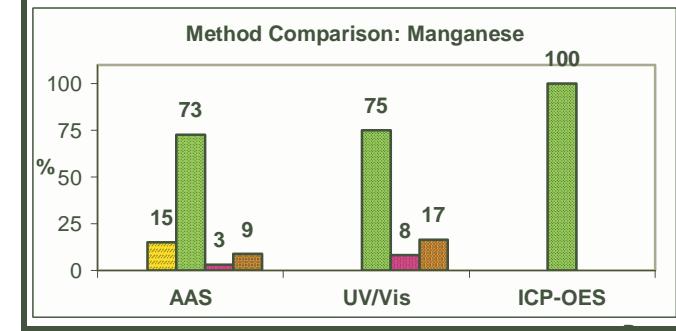
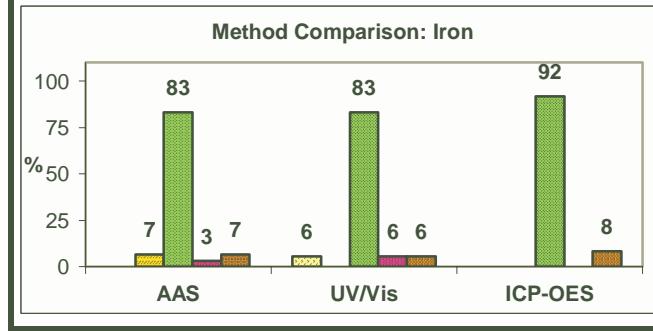
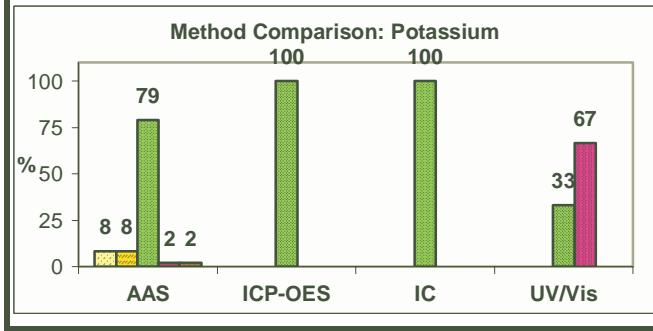
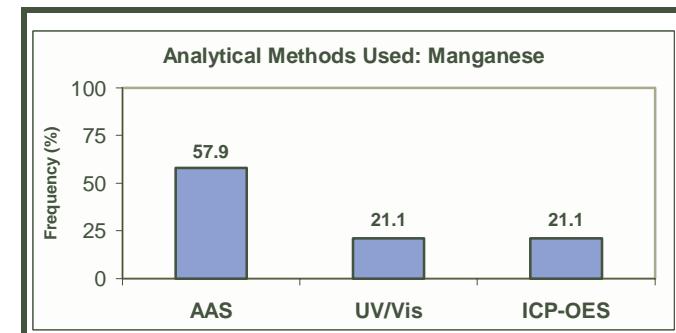
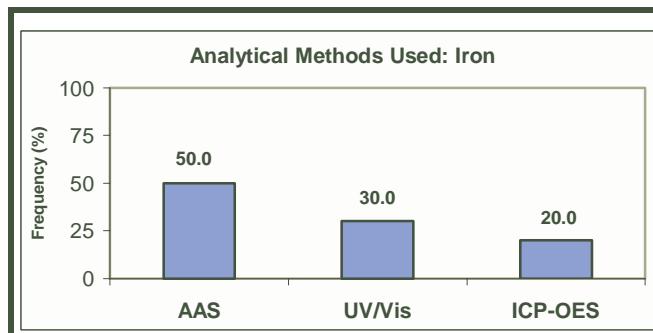
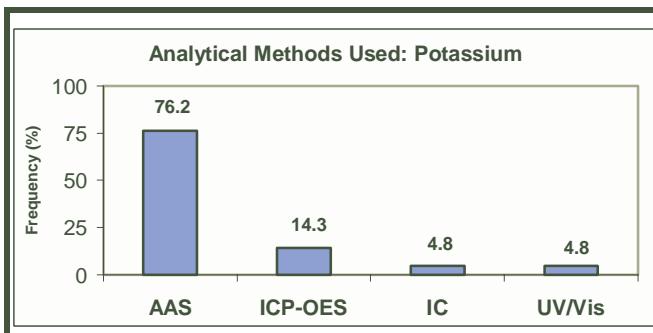
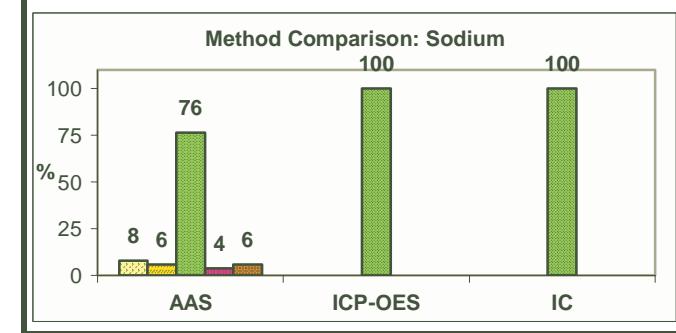
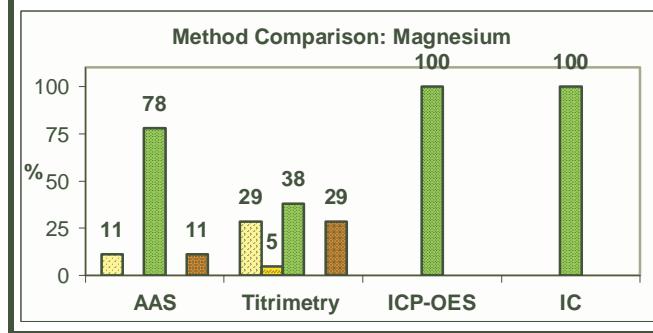
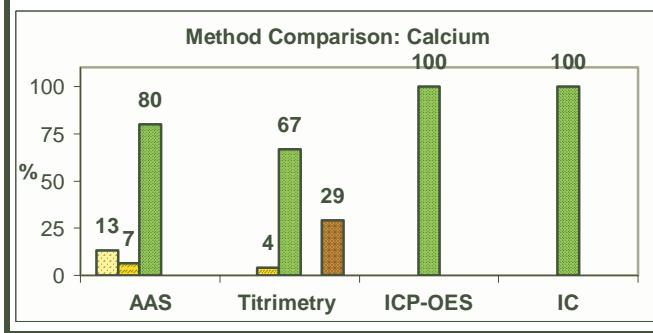
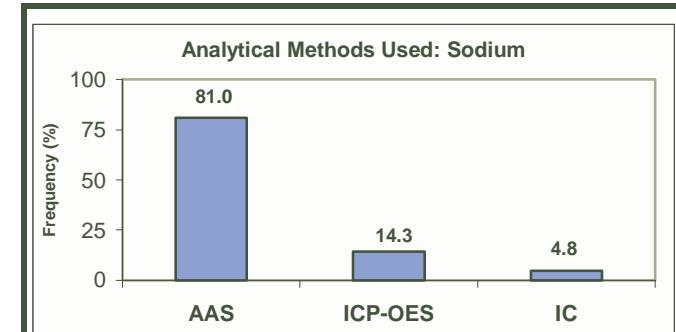
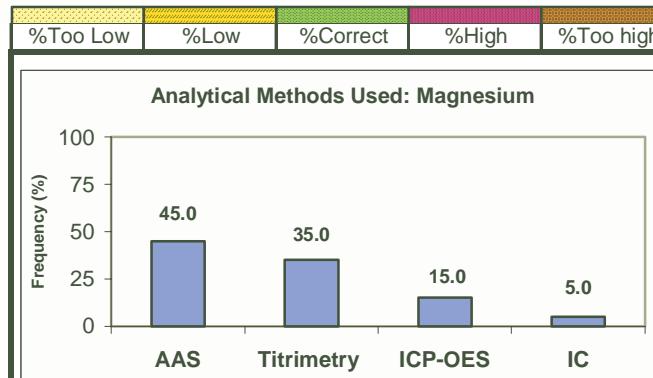
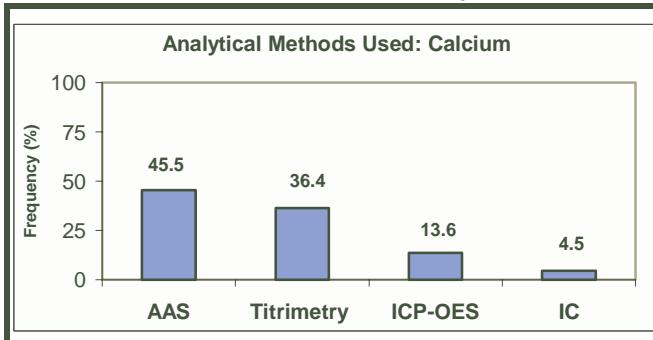


APPENDIX D: Graphical display of all results per parameter



APPENDIX E: Graphical display of frequency and performance of methodologies used

Method Comparison LEGEND:



APPENDIX E: Graphical display of frequency and performance of methodologies used

