



RFP No. 8362 Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometer (CVAFS) Low Level
Mercury Analyzer

Questions and Answers

Question #1 Part A

Instrument Specifications, Section 8, Bullet b.

Why a separate NIC (Network Interface Card)?

Answer #1 Part A

This should be NIC or equivalent. The instrument must be able to connect to a computer and communicate with the instrument software.

Question #1 Part B

Is communication via USB connections freeing the PC network interface acceptable?

Answer #1 Part B

Yes

Question #2

Instrument Specifications, Section 8, Bullet I.

Preferred “ability to edit calibration parameters in real-time” it is my understanding of USEPA 1631 that editing calibration parameters is not allow once the calibration has been started. Our preferred method is to monitor the

progress via historical values in an Excel Sheet to discern issues in real time. If an issue is detected the calibration can be halted, mitigate issue, and restart the process with the blanks.

Answer #2

Please note your preferred method on the Specification Response in the “Include specification details as necessary” area. Examples of real time edits include correction of a standard level designation in the sequence table or the addition of a calibration standard while the calibration is being analyzed.

Question #3

Do we need an exception for a non-conformance with a “Preferred” specification?

Answer #3

No. Only “Required” specifications need an exception for a non-conformance.

Question #4

Is the on-site training to be defined as instrument training, and/or USEPA 1631 training, or both?

Answer #4

Instrument training only.

Question #5

Are the samples preserved with 1.25 mL or 5 mL of concentrated HCl?

Answer #5

See Addendum #1

