



## Laboratory and Field Testing at DoD Sites

### Waterloo Membrane Sampler, tube-type (WMS)

<b>Media:</b>	Indoor/outdoor air, soil gas
<b>Study Type:</b>	Side-by-side comparison
<b>Technology:</b>	Accumulation
<b>Peer Reviewed:</b>	No
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### Study Description

Laboratory and field testing of WMS with multiple sorbent types (regular or low uptake rate, solvent extraction, or thermal desorption).

Laboratory chamber testing under controlled conditions to assess influence of temperature, humidity, sample duration, concentration, and face velocity on sampler performance. Testing was divided into low concentrations (1 to 100 ppbv range), representing typical range for indoor air monitoring, and high concentrations (1 to 100 ppmv range), representing typical range for soil vapor monitoring.

Field testing included indoor/outdoor air, sub-slab vapor, or deeper soil vapor samples collected from five DoD facilities. Side-by-side collection of indoor/outdoor air and soil vapor samples with passive samplers and active Summa canisters.

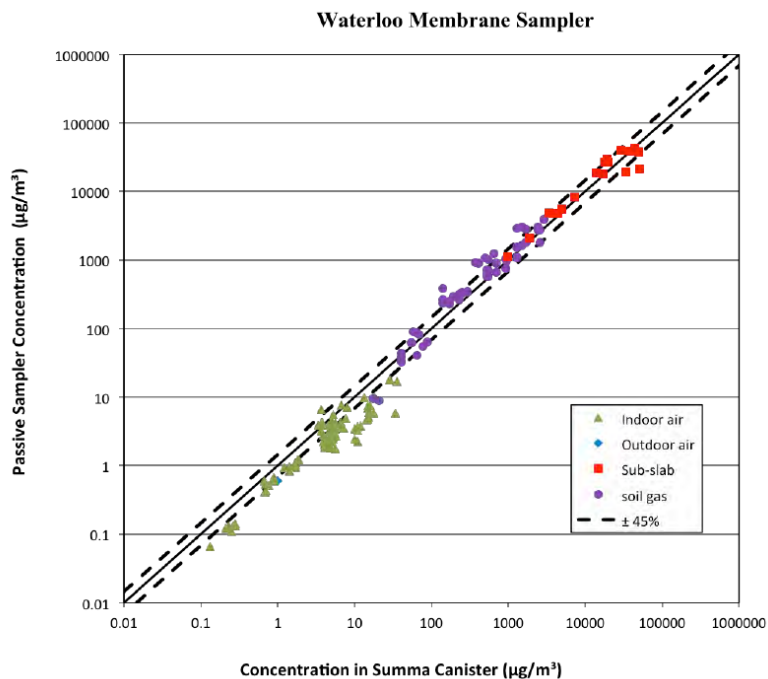
Contaminants of concern tested included chlorinated compounds (ethenes, ethanes, and methanes) and petroleum hydrocarbons (aromatics and aliphatics) spanning a range of chemical properties (Henry's constant, vapor pressure, diffusion coefficient, and water solubility).

### Remedial Phase

ESTCP laboratory and field testing to determine if WMS samplers provide good data quality measurements of VOC concentrations, comparison with active sampling methods to identify advantages and disadvantages of each method, and development and testing of quantitative passive methods for soil vapor sampling.

### Outcome

The field testing results from all five field sites demonstrated that the WMS sampler provided good accuracy with active Summa canisters based on a relative percent difference (RPD) of < 45% across a broad range of concentrations, sample durations, and meteorologic conditions.



Low concentration laboratory testing results also demonstrated that the WMS sampler provided good accuracy based on the RPD < 45%, corresponding to mean C/Co (passive concentration/active control) range of 0.63–1.58 for 8 of the 10 compounds tested. The WMS sampler also provided good precision based on an intrachamber coefficient of variation (COV) < 30% for all 10 compounds under a specific set of conditions, but only two compounds for the interchamber COV under a wider range of conditions.

High concentration laboratory testing results demonstrated that the WMS sampler provided good accuracy based on the relative concentration C/Co (average passive concentration/average Summa canister concentration) range of 0.6–1.7, meeting the RPD < 50% for 6 of the 10 compounds for the C/Co for 1 ppm, 8 of 10 compounds for 10 ppm, and 8 of 10 compounds for 100 ppm. The WMS sampler also provided good precision based on the COV < 30% at 1 ppm for 8 of the 10 compounds, all 10 compounds at 10 ppm, and 8 of the 10 compounds at 100 ppm.

Ease of use for the WMS was generally comparable or better than for the Summa canister with minimal training necessary. Cost was comparable or better (improving with larger numbers of samples) than conventional methods due to less time required for sample deployment and collection and reduced shipping costs.

### Case Study Source

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