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Text of passage being questioned: Table 1 contains the minimum list of desired compounds, but the laboratory may generate as expanded suite of analytes using their routine procedure.

Question: There are some analytes that we do not analyze for, in particular the MC # (chlordane) and the p,p'-DDMU and p,p'-DDMS. Will this preclude us from submitting a Proposal and/or be considered non-responsive? On the other hand, we do offer an extended list of 46 PBDEs, well beyond what is required in the RFP. Will this be advantageous to DNREC?

Not analyzing for MC # (chlordane) and the p,p'-DDMU and p,p'-DDMS should not preclude proposal submission. Extended list of PBDEs would be acceptable/advantageous.

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Text of passage being questioned: Estimates of recovery using surrogate standards should be reported for each sample.

Question: Please clarify what is meant by "Estimates". Also, the referenced methods appear to use only 1-2 surrogates to recovery correct. All of the methods that we intend to propose are based on isotope dilution/recovery correction. More accurate quantification is achieved by using a suite of labeled surrogates as compared to just 1 or 2 surrogates. Will this change from the referenced methods be acceptable?

Estimates = measures of recovery with actual or surrogate standards. The change in the referenced method would be acceptable.

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Text of passage being questioned: Method Detection Limits

Question: Are the listed Method Detection Limits the expected Reporting Limits? Is there an advantage to DNREC to be able to achieve lower Reporting Limits than indicated in the RFP?

Yes, it would be advantageous to have greater sensitivity.

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Text of passage being questioned: 27 osprey eggs and 18 pools of whole fish

Question: Can you expand on the expected weight of the osprey eggs considering multiple analyses are required? For the whole fish, can you provide further information on the size of the fish and is compositing with required? This will be necessary to determine costs for tissue preparation and homogenization.

The weight of the contents of the osprey eggs ranges from 32 g to 82 g, typically above 60 g.

We will provide whole frozen fish in plastic bags, with each of 18 bags containing 2 to 3 fish weighing in total from 240 g to as much as 1320 g. Whole fish (not fillets) are to be analyzed.