



## Oyster and Mussel Tissues

### Summary

Precise and rapid determination of total mercury in Oyster and Mussel Tissues can be performed using Direct Mercury Analyzer. Such an instrument requires no sample wet chemistry or pre-treatment.

Once a weighed sample portion is introduced into the instrument, analysis is completed in six minutes. Direct analysis of mercury, using the integrated sequence of Thermal Decomposition, Catalyst Conversion, Amalgamation, and Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, is described in EPA 7473 and is validated for laboratory as well as field analysis.

### Instrumentation

#### *Direct Mercury Analyzer apparatus and supplies*

Milestone DMA-80, 640-1640 terminal with DMA-80 software or DMA-80 PC software, quartz boats.

Analytical balance, spatula, pipette, or appropriate mechanical pipette and volumetric flask (Class A), 50 or 100 ml.

#### **Sample weight :**

Up to 250 mg (max)

Freeze dried Oyster and Mussel Tissue certified material were used for this application. Samples were introduced directly into the metal boat.

### Procedure

1. Place a boat on the balance plate, tare it and weigh the sample.
2. Introduce the boat into sample tray.
3. Run the DMA-80 program to completion.

### DMA-80 program

N° step	Time	Temperature
1	00:01:00	200°C
2	00:02:00	650°C
3	00:01:00	650°C

Max start temp: 200°C  
Purge: 60 sec

### Results

Sample ID	Hg	Actual Hg
Oyster Tissue	0.064 ± 0.001 mg/kg	0.064 ± 0.007 mg/kg
Mussel Tissue	0.181 ± 0.009 mg/kg	0.188 ± 0.007 mg/kg

### Conclusion

The DMA-80 Mercury Analyzer successfully processed Oyster and Mussel Tissues sample. Total analysis time per sample was less than 7 minutes, including the time employed to weigh each sample into the boat.