



Giveaway!!!

I know you have all been waiting for the next GTA giveaway so here goes! A Carhart Jacket for 1st place and a Gift Certificate for 2nd. Submit your business card with **YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER** on it for your chance to win. For those of you from out of town, mail your card into the office and we will enter you in the drawing which will be held on Dec. 15th so make sure you get your cards into us ASAP!



Holiday Newsletter



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****All rush analyses will need to be scheduled prior to the Holiday to make sure that someone will be in the lab** please call us in advance and we can make arrangements. Make sure to pack your samples in ice and watch the holding times so your samples do not expire!!**

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving - Closed
Nov. 28th - Closed
Christmas Eve 9am - 4pm
Christmas Day - Closed
Dec. 26th - Closed
New Years Eve 9am-4pm
New Years Day - Closed
Jan. 2nd - Closed



WE ARE IN NEED OF MEDIUM SIZED COOLERS PLEASE RETURN ANY COOLERS YOU ARE NOT USING!

Sampling Issues

Please use the proper bottles provided by **GTA** that contain the proper preservatives. GTA labels the bottles with what preservative is inside and what analysis it is for. It is critical that **Nitrates/Nitrites/Ammonia/Phos** are **H2SO4** Preserved. **Do not mix with other preservatives, this can cause a significant shift in final concentrations.**

Methanol kits - Please be sure to clean the threads on the VOA vial before recapping soil particles in the threads can cause openings allowing either methanol to escape or contaminants to come in. Wipe the threads with a paper towel until all visible soil is gone.

Sample amounts - Because different labs do not always use the same method, minimum sample amounts required can vary. For instance, the state lab uses a different method for Nitrates/Nitrites then we do at GTA. Although either method is acceptable, we require much more sample. If you are not sure, please contact us to determine the minimum sample amounts needed.

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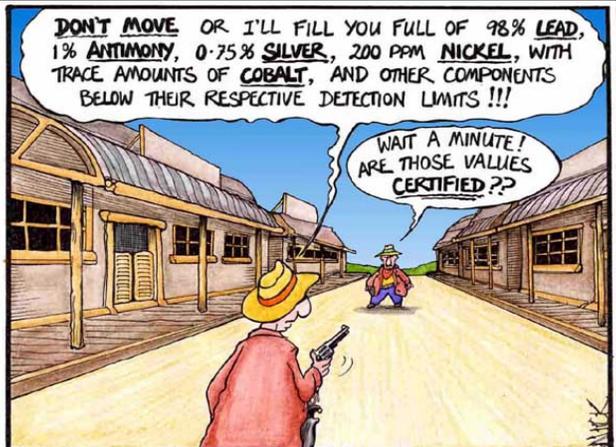
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