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DON Testing Update:

Unfortunately the world wide Acetonitrile shortage situation has not improved and is not likely to improve in the next year. To continue with DON testing and make the most of the Acetonitrile we are able to get in, we will be reducing sample size from 5 grams to 1 gram. This will allow us to reduce acetonitrile used in the extraction and continue with testing. The rest of the procedure will not change and we will continue to monitor quality assurance. With the smaller sample size the importance of proper sampling and a fine grind increases. Please view the USWBSI website for proper sampling techniques. For those of you with samples still waiting to be tested, we are making the best effort to continue getting samples tested. However, there may continue to be delays as we wait for more Acetonitrile. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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