

## **CBP Blind Audit Program Update – Spring 2016**

Data from the last round has been reviewed and disseminated. Labs that were approached to review select data points were generally responsive. One lab did rerun samples due to instrument problems and the results were improved.

Labs still reporting incorrect number of significant figures.

Chlorophyll is consistently the most problematic parameter. No surprise there, but some additional steps will be taken to hopefully improve agreement among laboratories.

- Mechanical mixing will be employed – similar to how the Split samples are handled      *\*Note – PC/PN/PP do not see as much variation*
- Better ice packs
- Insulated envelopes
- New batch of coolers, more to make the shipping conditions consistent across all participants

**Request:** All labs that perform chlorophyll analysis, please let me know what method you are using.

Next round should go out next week.

**Thank you all for participating!**