



## Instructions for Catalog # 540QR

### Metals in Soil

Revision 030512

#### Description:

- This standard is packaged in a 2-ounce glass jar containing approximately 40 grams of soil.
- This standard is not preserved.
- The standard can be stored at room temperature.
- The standard will contain all the analytes listed in the ranges specified on the data reporting form.

#### Before you Begin:

- The Mercury in this standard should be determined using the digestion and analytical procedures in the current version of EPA method 7471, or equivalent.
- The other metals in this standard should be determined using EPA digestion methods 3050 or 3051 followed by your normal analysis procedures.
- This standard should not be analyzed for Hexavalent Chromium. A separate standard, ERA catalog number 921QR, is available for Hexavalent Chromium.
- Although all ERA soil standards have been thoroughly blended prior to shipping, the standards should be homogenized prior to taking an aliquot for analysis due to settling which may occur during shipping.
- The percent moisture of this standard should be determined and your analytical results adjusted accordingly and reported on a dry weight basis.

#### Instructions:

1. Open the Metals in Soil standard in a fume hood to avoid inhalation of dust.
2. Mix the sample well prior to removing aliquots for analysis.
3. Digest and analyze the standard using your normal procedures.
4. Determine the percent moisture of an aliquot of the Metals in Soil standard.
5. Report your results as mg/kg on a dry weight basis.

#### Safety:

ERA products may be hazardous and are intended for use by professional laboratory personnel trained in the competent handling of such materials. Responsibility for the safe use of these products rests entirely with the buyer and/or user. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all ERA products are available by calling 1-800-372-0122.