DWR Mission Statement

To manage the water resources of California in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the State’s people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments.

Bryte Chemical Laboratory is the Department of Water Resources’ primary analytical laboratory and has been serving government agencies, municipalities, and the public in California for over sixty years. Fully equipped with state of the art instrumentation and staffed with expert scientists specializing in environmental testing, Bryte Chemical Laboratory supports the mission of the Department of Water Resources by producing accurate, verifiable, and accessible analytical results necessary to support data-driven decision making and regulatory compliance.

Laboratory Director
Sid Fong
Bryte Laboratory employs a diverse staff of experienced chemists, technicians, and scientific aids dedicated to the analysis of drinking water, groundwater, and surface waters throughout the state in support of environmental and compliance monitoring programs, special investigative projects, and emergency response. Analytical capabilities include trace-level testing of inorganic, organic, metals, and biological contaminants. In addition, Bryte Laboratory constantly evaluates new methodologies and instrumentation in anticipation of the evolving needs of the Department, the public, and the environment.

Bryte Laboratory personnel work closely with project managers, field crews, and end users by participating in the development of project plans, providing technical advice and cost-effective solutions, and assisting in the coordination of each phase throughout the project.

Bryte Laboratory utilizes a custom-built Field and Laboratory Information Management System (FLIMS) specifically designed to streamline production and facilitate QA/QC, sample tracking, data review and reporting. Reporting options include hard copy and Electronic Data Deliverables. Data is also accessible via automatic upload from DWR’s Water Data Library (WDL).

**Wet Chemistry**
- Metals
- Volatile Organics
- Semi-Volatile Organics
- Pesticides & Herbicides
- Microbiology
Facilities

Located in a custom 10,000 square foot facility in West Sacramento, Bryte Laboratory is designed to meet the security and environmental conditions necessary for proper sample preservation, analytical reproducibility, and regulatory compliance.

Sample Control

All samples must be received in accordance with the laboratory’s Sample Acceptance Policy to ensure the integrity of samples submitted for laboratory analysis. Sampling kits with appropriate containers, preservation, and Chain of Custody documents may be provided upon request. Please contact us with questions regarding submittal procedures, sample containers, or shipment.

Quality Assurance

Bryte Laboratory is accredited by the State Water Resources Control Board’s Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program and maintains a documented QA program. To ensure the highest analytical data quality, laboratory testing is performed in compliance with approved EPA methodologies and required quality control procedures. The laboratory also participates in internal and external auditing programs, blind performance testing, and inter-laboratory round robin studies.

Health & Safety

Bryte Laboratory is committed to preventing injuries and accidents in the laboratory by promoting a comprehensive safety program through management commitment, active employee participation, and the integration of safety considerations in all laboratory processes.

Instrumentation

**GC/MS**
- Agilent 5973 & 5975
- Varian Saturn 2200 & 2100

**Gas Chromatographs**
- Varian 8100 with dual ECD
- HP 5890 with PID/ELCD

**HPLC**
- Agilent 1100

**Solid Phase Extractor**
- Horizon 4970

**TOC Analyzers**
- QIC 1010/1020/1030D

**ICP/MS**
- Perkin Elmer ELAN 6000
- ICP
- Perkin Elmer Optima 8300

**AA Spectrophotometers**
- Perkin Elmer 5000
- Varian Spectra 55

**Spectrophotometers**
- Perkin Elmer Lambda 11
- Bausch & Lomb Spectronic 88
- Hach DR/4000U

**Ion Chromatographs**
- Dionex ICS2100, ICS2000, & DX4

**Mercury Analyzers**
- Thermo Separation Products: 3200, Cetac+8000, & Analytica Jena

**Turbidimeter**
- Hach 2100N

**Conductivity Meter**
- Thermo Orion 4 Star

**pH Meters**
- Beckman Sigma 63
- Fisher Scientific Accumet 25

**Microscope**
- Wild Heerbrugg
Accredited by the State Water Resources Control Board’s Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP), Bryte Laboratory supports the Department of Water Resources’ mission to protect, restore, and enhance California’s natural and human environments by providing accurate, accessible data that are essential for data-driven decision making. Analytical services include routine environmental and regulatory compliance monitoring, special and investigative studies, and emergency response. Staffed by scientists, chemists, and technicians experienced and knowledgeable in the latest analytical techniques and state-of-the-art instrumentation, the laboratory team works closely with all divisions and branches to address the complex requirements of the California Department of Water Resources.

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