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**Instructions for:  
Soil Particle Size Analysis (cat # PT-PSA(MUST)-SOIL)**

**SCOPE AND APPLICATION**

Wibby Environmental's Soil Particle Size Analysis Proficiency Testing Standard is designed to be used with methods for the determination of soil size fractions and/or sand/silt/clay composition. You should be familiar with the method(s) before analyzing the standard. If you have any questions about the use of these standards, please contact Wibby Environmental Customer Service at 1-866-WibbyPT (866-942-2978).

**SAMPLE PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS**

1. For best results, the PT standard should be stored near room temperature (~ 20°C).
2. Thoroughly mix the PT standard prior to removing an aliquot for analysis.
3. Follow your normal procedure for the determination of soil size fractions and/or sand/silt/clay composition in a soil sample.

**REPORTING RESULTS**

1. Report results in percent (%) to three significant figures.
2. Report your results on line at [www.wibby.com](http://www.wibby.com). Click on the "Online Data Entry" link or the "PT Manage" link.
3. You may also report your results using the Data Reporting Sheets enclosed with your standards. FAX your results to Wibby Environmental at 866-283-0269 or mail the results to Wibby Environmental, 6390 Joyce Drive, #100, Golden, CO, 80403.
4. Wibby Environmental must receive all results prior to the study closing date shown on the Data Reporting Sheets.

**SAFETY**

These standards are designed for use by laboratory professionals who are familiar with handling environmental reference materials as well as hazardous materials. If you have any questions about the safe handling of these standards or require a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS,) please contact Wibby Environmental at 1-866-WibbyPT (866-942-2978).

**QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions regarding these standards or reporting requirements, please call Wibby Environmental at 1-866-WibbyPT (866-942-2978).

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## Soil / Hazardous Waste PT Concentration Ranges and PTRLs

**Definitions:**

**PTRL**

NELAC Proficiency Testing Reporting Limits (PTRLs) are provided as guidance to laboratories analyzing NELAC PT samples. At a minimum, the laboratory should use a method that is sensitive enough to generate quantitative results at the PTRLs shown. (REF: NELAC PT FOT Tables)

**NA**

Not Applicable (NA) has been applied to analytes where a PTRL is not applicable and to state specific analytes that have not had a PTRL determined by the applicable accrediting agency.

### Particle Size (PT-PSA-SOIL)

NELAC Code	Analyte	Units	Concentration Range	PTRL
<b>Additional State Specific Analytes</b>				
-	Sand (>75µm)	%	1.00 - 50.0	NA