

Analytical Geochemistry Laboratory Services

The KGS analytical geochemistry lab specializes in chemical and physical analyses of water, coal, minerals, and rocks. Trained professional scientists, using automated instruments and equipment and the latest techniques, efficiently and accurately analyze geological, environmental, and other samples for research in mineralogical and energy assessments.



We use a comprehensive quality-assurance protocol and employ certified standards and reference materials to ensure traceable, accurate results. The lab participates in several interlaboratory proficiency testing programs. Standard operating procedures for the methods are published and available upon request, as is our "Laboratory Assurance Plan." Please reach out to us with any question about our methods or instrumentation and about collaborating with us on your geological, environmental, or chemical analytical needs.



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Analyses of Coal

Proximate (moisture/ash/volatile/fixed carbon) Calorific value Total sulfur (coal & ash) Total carbon Major and minor elements in coal ash Trace elements in coal ash (ICP-OES





Analyses of Water

Inductively coupled argon plasma optical emission spectroscopy (ICAP-OES) (dissolved and total metals) Ion chromatography (anions) Titrations and colormetric nutrient testing (ammonia, Kjeldahl Nitrogen, nitrite, nitrate, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, orthophosphate) Total/dissolved organic and inorganic carbon General wet chemistry parameters Total and dissolved solids Gas chromatography (low MW hydrocarbons) Immunoassay enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay organics testing

Analyses of Minerals

Major and Minor elements in limestone Organic and inorganic carbon Major and minor elements in rocks and shales Trace elements in rocks and shales Qualitative and semi-quantitative x-ray defraction

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