## **Explanation of Laboratory Results**

You will notice that the data report comes with several laboratory descriptions that may not be familiar to you. The following definitions of those descriptions may assist you in understanding your sample results:

**Analyte** The chemical or substance of interest

**CAS No.** Chemical Abstracts Service Number

A universal system to provide a unique, unmistakable identifier for

chemical substances

**Result (ng/L)** nanogram(s) per liter

The amount of an analyte (chemical or substance of interest) determined to

be present in the sample analyzed by the laboratory

1 nanogram per liter = 1 part per trillion

ND Non-Detect

Indicates the analyte was not detected

**DL** Detection Limit

The lowest analyte concentration that can confidently be distinguished

from zero (or a blank) concentration

**LOD** Limit of Detection

The lowest analyte concentration that must be present in a sample to be

confidently (i.e., consistently) detectable

**LOQ** Limit of Quantitation

The lowest concentration that produces a verified result within known and

recorded precision and accuracy.

## **Oualifiers**

"J" Estimated Value

Indicates the value reported for the analyte is above the DL but below the

LOQ and was detected. The value reported is considered estimated.

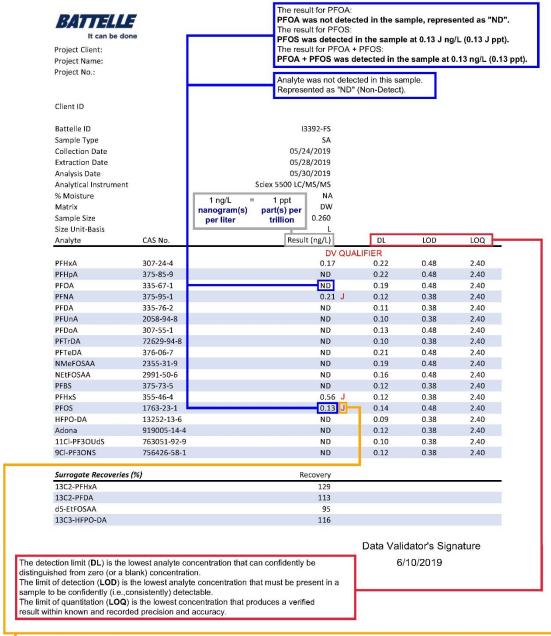
"B" Blank

Indicates that this compound was also detected in the blank

"D" Diluted Sample

Indicates that this sample result was determined from a dilution analysis

## Example of Lab Report with **Definitions and Explanations**



This is a data qualifier for this result. Possible qualifiers are:

<sup>&</sup>quot;J" (Estimated Value) - Indicates the value reported for the analyte is greater than the DL but below the LOQ and was detected. The value reported is

considered estimated.
"B" (Blank) - Indicates the compound also was detected in the blank