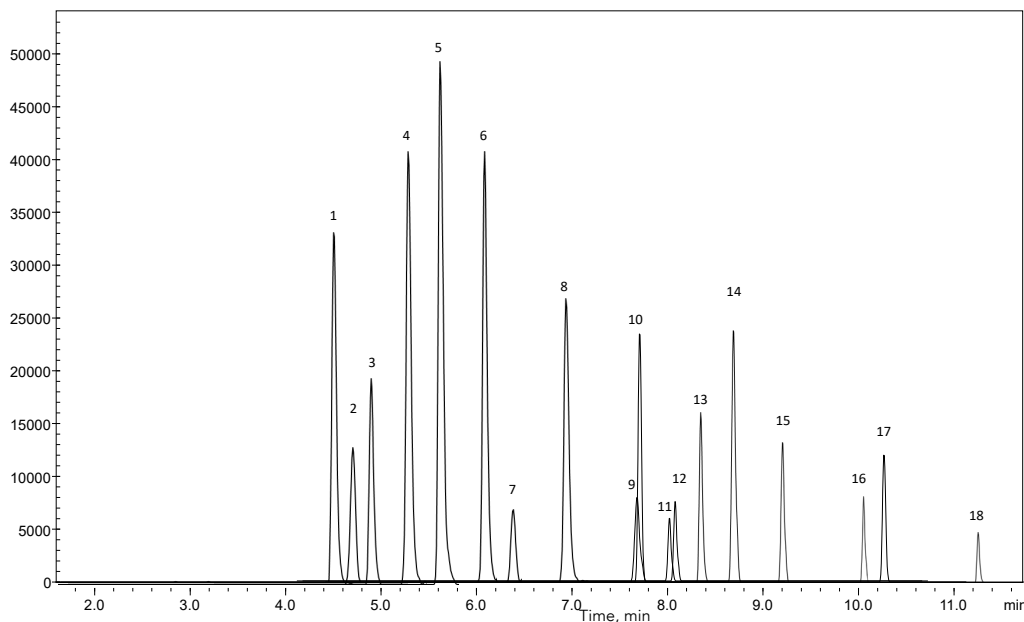




## PFAS Analysis According to EPA 537.1 Using HALO® 90 Å C18, 2.0 µm

Application Note: 218-PF



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### PEAK IDENTITIES

Peak Number	PFAS Species	Observed Transition	Retention Time
1	PFHxA	313.0000>269.0000	4.502
2	PFBS	299.0000>80.0000	4.618
3	HFPO-DA	285.0000>169.0000	4.812
4	PFHpA	363.0000>319.0000	5.341
5	ADONA	377.0000>250.9000	5.637
6	PFOA	413.0000>369.0000	6.145
7	PFHxS	399.0000>80.0000	6.451
8	PFNA	463.0000>419.0000	6.925
9	N-MeFOSAA	570.0000>419.0000	7.681
10	PFDA	513.0000>469.0000	7.696
11	N-EtFOSAA	584.0000>419.0000	8.022
12	PFOS	499.0000>80.0000	8.102
13	PFUnA	563.0000>519.0000	8.498
14	9Cl-PF3ONS	530.9000>351.0000	8.739
15	PFDoA	613.0000>569.0000	9.333
16	PFTriA	663.0000>619.0000	10.179
17	11Cl-PF3OUdS	630.7000>451.0000	10.475
18	PFTreA	713.0000>669.0000	11.053

### TEST CONDITIONS

**Delay Column:** HALO 90 Å C18, 2.7 µm, 2.1 x 50 mm  
**Part Number:** 92812-702  
**Analytical Column:** HALO 90 Å C18, 2.0 µm, 2.1 x 100 mm  
**Part Number:** 92112-730  
**Mobile Phase A:** (95/5) H<sub>2</sub>O/ACN .1% acetic acid  
**Mobile Phase B:** (95/5) ACN/H<sub>2</sub>O 10mM ammonium formate/  
 0.1% acetic acid  
**Flow Rate:** 0.3 mL/min  
**Sample Solvent:** (95/5) MeOH/ H<sub>2</sub>O

Time	%B
0.0	0
6.0	50
13.0	85
14.0	100
17.0	100
18.0	0
21.0	stop

**Initial Pressure:** 315 bar  
**Temperature:** 40 °C

### MS CONDITIONS

**Detection:** -ESI MS  
**LC System:** Shimadzu Nexera X2 ESI  
**LCMS system:** Shimadzu LCMS-8050  
**Spray Voltage:** -2.0 kV  
**Nebulizing gas:** 2 L/min  
**Drying gas:** 15 L/min  
**DL temp:** 250 °C  
**Heat Block:** 400 °C

