Method Blank Contamination Decision Rules

1. Identify Method Blank Sample

   - Individual Congener < 20 pg/L
     - Yes
     - No

   - If congener exceeds 20 pg/L and associated sample exceeds 10X the amount in blank
     - Yes
     - No

   - If congener exceeds 20 pg/L and congener is not found in associated sample
     - Yes
     - No

   - If total PCB concentrations < 300 pg/L
     - Yes
     - No

   - Extraction and analysis of duplicate sample are required.
   - Sample associated with method blank acceptable