# Rare Earth Elements in Humate Samples by Microwave Digestion

## Method for Analysis

- Utilized Microwave digestion through a two-step digestion
- Nitric acid digestion followed by a Hydrofluoric acid digestion
- Deflocculated samples into finer more homogenized substance
- Sieved samples through sieve
- Used splitter to better homogenize and obtain small aliquot for digestion
- Filtered out digestion and diluted to 50 mL with Ro water
- Further dilutions with a 1:10 acid solution to Ro water
- Used ICP MS to determine concentration of Rare Earths in each sample.

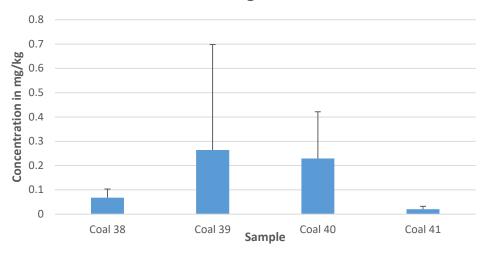




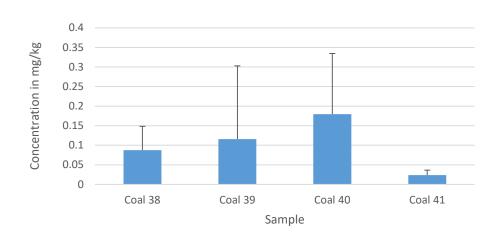
### Most abundant REEs found in the samples

The most abundant REEs that were relatively found were lanthanum,
Cerium, Neodymium and Yttrium.

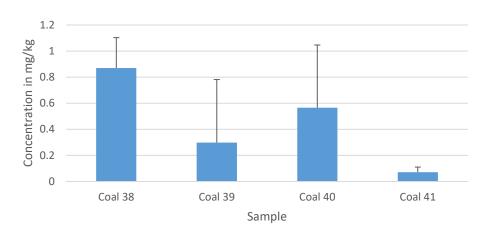
#### Lanthanum Average Concentration



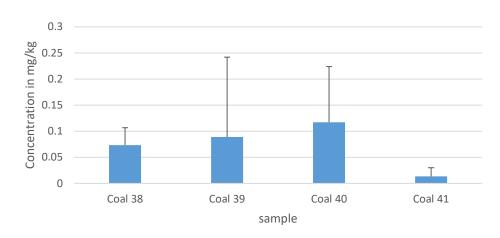
#### Neodymium Average Concentration



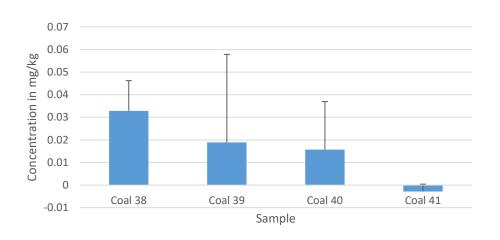
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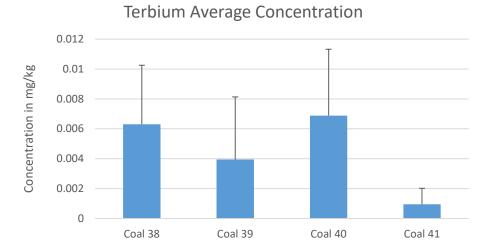


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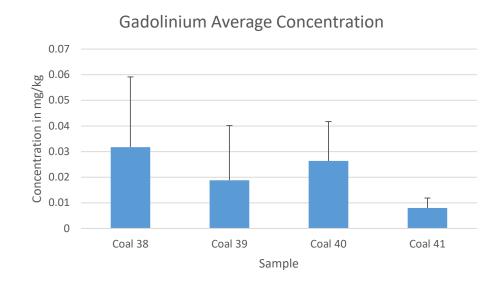


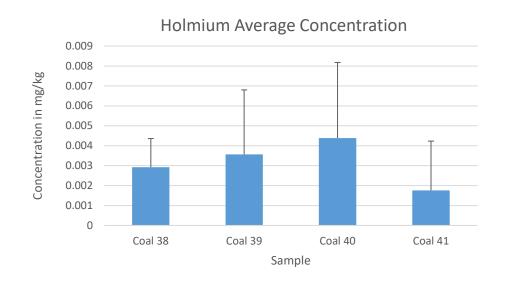
#### Samarium Average Concentration



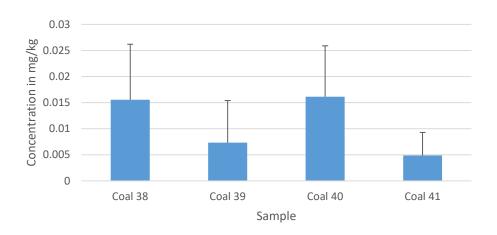


Sample

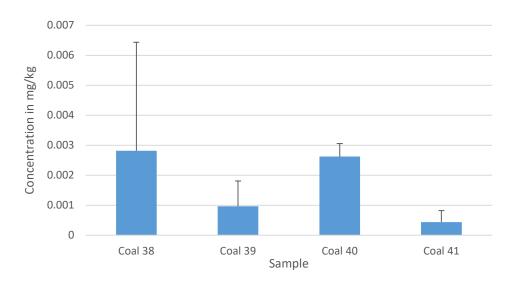




#### Ytterbium Average Concentration



#### Thulium Average Concentration



#### Erbium Average Concentration

