

Chemical Contaminants & Residues in Food Community

Metals Sub-group

- Metals = toxic elements, nutrient elements, chemical form of elements (speciation)
- Food (including infant formula), foodware, dietary supplements

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Update on Work

- Web Page
 - “About” Page
 - Method Needs Sought
 - Reports
 - Emails to Metals Subgroup
 - Member list

Observations

- “Metals”: Name may exclude persons interested in non-metals. Change name? “Elements”?
- Participation conflicts
 - Researchers don’t want to share research until published.
 - Methods developed initiated based on available equipment.
- “Needs” not forthcoming. Many methods available

Method Need Status

- Asked Subgroup Members
- Some feedback
 - Current “Most Interest”
 - Arsenic speciation
 - Methylmercury
 - As, Cd, Pb, Hg by ICP-MS

My Assessment of Metals Subgroup

- Individual labs are developing methods they need
- Some labs users not method developers