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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Decontamination of Field Sampling Equipment

Revision 1

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Standard Operating Procedures for the Decontamination of Field Sampling Equipment

Purpose
The purpose of this procedure is to define the process used for decontaminating all sampling-related equipment including pumps, meters, and materials coming into contact with actual sampling equipment or with sampling personnel. Bailers, protective gear, and filtration devices will be discarded after one use. Stainless steel bailers are used once and returned to an independent laboratory for decontamination.

Applicability
This procedure is applicable to all personnel who are collecting samples and/or decontaminating sampling and field equipment

Equipment
- Alconox®
- Scrub brush made of inert materials
- Distilled or Deionized rinse water
- Bucket
- Field Log Data Sheets
- Field Log Cover Sheets
- Field Log Data Reports

Responsibilities
The Equipment Technician is responsible for ensuring all field equipment has been thoroughly decontaminated and prepared for use out in the field. The field technician(s) are responsible for decontamination in the field at each individual sampling point.

Procedure
Decontamination of monitoring well equipment will be performed by the field technician(s) before sampling and after working at each sampling point. All equipment will be handled in a manner that minimizes cross-contamination between points. After cleaning, the equipment will be visibly inspected to detect any residues or other substances that may exist after normal cleaning. If inspection reveals that decontamination was insufficient, the decontamination procedures will be repeated.
Equipment will be decontaminated in the following manner:

1. Equipment that does **not** contact sample water or the inside of the well:
   a. Rinse with clean control water.
   b. Inspect for remaining particles or surface film and repeat cleaning and rinse procedures if necessary.

2. Equipment that contacts sample water or the inside of the well:
   a. Clean (inside and outside where possible) with an Alconox®/clean-water solution applied with a scrub brush made of inert materials.
   b. Rinse with clean control water.
   c. Inspect for remaining particles or surface film and repeat cleaning and rinse procedures if necessary.
   d. Shake off remaining water and allow to air dry.

The internal surfaces of pumps and tubing that cannot be adequately cleaned by the above methods alone will also be cleaned by circulating decontamination fluids through them. The fluids will be circulated through this equipment in the order shown above. Special care will be exercised to ensure that the “rinse” fluids will be circulated in sufficient quantities to completely flush out contaminants and detergents.

When transporting or storing equipment after cleaning, the equipment will be protected in a manner that minimizes the potential for contamination.

**Disposal**

All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

**Documentation**

The technician(s) will document the field equipment decontamination procedures on Field Log Data Sheets, Field Log Cover Sheets, and Field Log Data Reports or a project dedicated Field Log book.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1: Field Sampling Report
Attachment 2: Field Log Cover Sheet
Attachment 3: Field Log Data Sheet
FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

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Field Sampling

Field Report
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Laboratory Analysis Status

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Attachment 2
Field Log Cover Sheet

FIELD LOG COVER SHEET
WATER SAMPLING

Client: 

Technicians: 

Project No.: 

Sampling Period: 

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Summary of Field Activities
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Field Log Data Sheet

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### STABILIZATION TEST

| Sample collection by: CO2- | Mn2- | Fe(T)- | Fe2- |

### OTHERS PRESENT:

**WELL INSPECTION** (answer for each category, state if lock replaced, detail any repairs needed on back of form)

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*Measurements are referenced from top of riser pipe, unless otherwise indicated.*

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Soil Sample Collection Tools Decontamination – Level I

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Standard Operating Procedures for the
Soil Sample Collection Tools Decontamination – Level I

Purpose
The purpose of this SOP is to describe the proper techniques for equipment decontamination to meet level I protocol.

Applicability
This SOP applies to any field technician who is collecting environmental samples or is otherwise tasked with decontaminating field equipment for level I decontamination protocol.

Equipment
Tap water
Alconox®

Brush
Deionized water or distilled water
Bucket
Gloves

Responsibilities
The environmental technician(s) and/or Equipment technician is responsible for the proper equipment decontamination; quality control procedures and documentation.

Discussion
A variety of samplers (split-barrel, split-barrel with brass liners, piston sampler, backhoe, hand-auger, or shovel) may be used to retrieve soil from sampling locations. The soil sample will either be sealed within the sampler (e.g., collecting volatile samples) or the soil sample will be transferred to laboratory-supplied containers depending on the analysis to be conducted on the soil sample. The equipment required to transfer the soil from the sampler to the laboratory-supplied sample containers includes: stainless-steel spoons or scoops and the appropriate personal protective equipment necessary for collection and handling of soil samples as described in the Project Health and Safety Plan.

Decontamination Procedures
All soil sampling equipment will be carefully cleaned before and during soil or sediment sampling. All sampling tools including split-barrels, stainless-steel spoons and scoops will be cleaned before use and between samples in the following manner:

1. Clean in a tap water and Alconox® solution, using a brush if necessary to remove particulate matter and films.
2. Rinse three times with tap water.
3. Rinse three times with deionized or distilled water.
4. Inspect equipment and repeat procedure if any residual soil or visible contaminants are present.
Disposal

All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

Documentation

The environmental and/or equipment technician is responsible for the proper decontamination of the equipment and the proper documentation in the Field Sampling Report and/or Field Log book.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Field Sampling Report
Attachment 1
Field Sampling Report

FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

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Field Sampling

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Laboratory Analysis Status

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Soil Sample Collection Tools Decontamination – Level II

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Standard Operating Procedures for the
Soil Sample Collection Tools Decontamination – Level II

Purpose
The purpose of this SOP is to describe the proper techniques for equipment decontamination to meet level II protocol.

Applicability
This SOP applies to any field technician who is collecting environmental samples or is otherwise tasked with decontaminating field equipment for level II decontamination protocol.

Equipment
- Tap water
- Alconox®
- Brush
- Deionized water or distilled water
- Bucket
- Methanol
- Aluminum Foil
- Chem-wipe™
- Gloves
Responsibilities
The environmental technician(s) and/or equipment technician is responsible for the proper equipment decontamination; quality control procedures and documentation.

Discussion
A variety of samplers (split-barrel, split-barrel with brass liners, piston sampler, backhoe, hand-auger, or shovel) may be used to retrieve soil from sampling locations. The soil sample will either be sealed within the sampler (e.g., collecting volatile samples) or the soil sample will be transferred to laboratory-supplied containers depending on the analysis to be conducted on the soil sample. The equipment required to transfer the soil from the sampler to the laboratory-supplied sample containers includes: stainless-steel spoons or scoops and the appropriate personal protective equipment necessary for collection and handling of soil samples as described in the Project Health and Safety Plan.

Decontamination Procedures
All soil sampling equipment will be carefully cleaned before and during soil sampling. All sampling tools including split-barrels, stainless-steel spoons and scoops will be cleaned before use and between samples in the following manner:

1. Clean in a tap water and Alconox® solution, using a brush if necessary to remove particulate matter and films.
2. Rinse three times with tap water. Discharge water to the ground.
3. Rinse three times with deionized or distilled water. Discharge water to ground.
4. Rinse once with methanol. Collect and containerize the methanol rinse.
5. Inspect equipment and repeat procedure if any residual soil or visible contaminants are present.
6. Dry sampler with Chem-wipe™ or appropriate disposable replacement.

At the completion of the work day, the samplers should be decontaminated following the procedure outlined above and wrapped in aluminum foil for storage.

Disposal
All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

Documentation
The environmental and/or equipment technician is responsible for the proper decontamination of the equipment and the proper documentation in the Field Sampling Report and/or Field Log book.
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Field Sampling

Field Report
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Field Screening Soil Samples

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Standard Operating Procedure for
Field Screening Soil Samples

Purpose
To describe the procedure for properly screening soil or sediment samples in the field.

Applicability
This procedure applies to all field technicians responsible for field screening soil or sediment samples.

Definitions
\textit{PPE} Personal protective equipment
\textit{PID} Photoionization Detector
\textit{FID} Flame Ionization Detector

Equipment
PPE (gloves, safety glasses)
Project Health and Safety Plan
Quart-sized-self-sealing Polyethylene bag
Photoionization detector (PID)
Flame ionization detector (FID)
Thermometer
Indelible ink pen or pencil
Stainless-steel spoon
Squirt bottle with tap water
Logbook
Alconox®
Brush

Responsibilities
The environmental technician(s) is responsible for the proper sample identification; field screening procedures; field equipment and calibration; quality control procedures and documentation.

Procedure
The field screening techniques for soils are as follows: (1) visual examination; (2) odor; (3) headspace organic vapor screening; and (4) oil sheen. The results of these four screening procedures may be used to screen soil samples for possible contamination.

- **Visual Examination.** A visual examination of the soil sample will include noting any discoloration of the soil or visible oiliness or tar.

- **Odor.** The sampler will note odor only if noticed incidentally while handling the soil sample. Samplers will not unduly expose themselves to sample odors. Odor will be described as light, moderate, or strong, and appropriate description of the type and odor, if evident.
• **Headspace Organic Vapor Screening.** The polyethylene bag headspace method recommended by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency will be used in the field to screen soils suspected to contain volatile organic compounds. The screening method is intended to be used in conjunction with other “real time” observations.

The following equipment is required to conduct headspace organic vapor screening: photoionization or flame ionization detector (PID or FID), self-sealing quart-sized polyethylene bag, a log book or record sheet, and the appropriate personal protective equipment necessary for collection and handling of soil samples as described in the Project Health and Safety Plan (PHASP). The meter shall be calibrated daily or more frequently if suspect data is obtained.

The following procedure will be used for checking the calibration of the flame ionization detector:

FID calibration check is conducted using a two point calibration process with methane gas. Calibrate the instrument by analyzing the calibration gas at 100 ppm and 1,000 ppm. If instrument values exceed ± 5% from true value, then the FID needs to be recalibrated.

Reference the Standard Operating procedure for the TVA1000B (FID) for further information.

The following procedure will be used for checking the calibration of the PID:

PID calibration check is conducted using isobutylene calibration gas. Analyze a sample of the calibration gas, evaluate result, if result exceeds ± 5% from true value, then the PID needs to be recalibrated.

Reference the Standard Operating procedure for the HNU PI-101 for further information.

**The following procedure will be used for conducting headspace organic vapor screening:**

1. Soil samples collected from a split-barrel sampler or a direct-push (i.e., Geoprobe®) sample liner will be collected immediately after opening the barrel or liner. If the sample is collected from an excavation wall, soil pile, or backhoe bucket, it will be collected from a freshly exposed surface.

2. Half-fill the bag with the sample to be analyzed using a stainless-steel spoon or a gloved hand and immediately seal it.

3. Agitate the bag for 15 seconds. Manually break up any soil clumps within the bag.

4. Allow headspace development for approximately 10 minutes. The sample should be kept in a shaded area out of direct sunlight. Ambient temperatures during headspace development should be recorded. When ambient temperatures are below 50°F, headspace development should be conducted inside a heated vehicle or building.

5. Agitate the bag for an additional 15 seconds.
6. Quickly puncture the bag with the sampling probe to a point about one-half of the headspace depth. Exercise care to avoid uptake of water droplets or soil particles.

7. Record the highest meter response as the headspace concentration. The maximum response will likely occur between 0 to 5 seconds.

8. When using a FID, it may be necessary to correct for methane. In this case, take a reading first with carbon filter, then without. This will require two duplicate bag samples. The second reading less the first is the headspace adjusted for methane. Adjusted readings less than zero are considered zero. Methane correction is not necessary if a PID is used.

- **Oil Sheen Test.** The oil sheen or hydrocarbon is a method used to immediately determine the approximate magnitude of coal tar contamination in soil by observation of the sample in the field. The test is useful in soils which do not have a high binding capacity with polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (i.e., the PAHs are free on the surface of the soil particles and can be released by a stream of water).

The equipment required to conduct the oil sheen test includes: a stainless-steel spoon, a squirt bottle filled with tap water, a log book or recording sheet, and the appropriate personal protective equipment necessary for collection and handling of soil samples as described in the Project Health and Safety Plan. Decontamination of the spoon between test events will consist of scrubbing the surface of the spoon with a solution of Alconox® in water using a brush and then rinsing the spoon with water.

The procedure for conducting the oil sheen test consists of obtaining approximately 50 grams (about 30 cc) of representative soil with the spoon and then directing a stream of water onto the soil in the spoon with the squirt bottle until the soil is saturated and water begins to collect around the soil. The amount of oil sheen present on the water is determined by observation and the results of the test are reported as a magnitude of oil sheen observed: none, trace, light, moderate, heavy or rainbow. The test results, sample location, and observations of the sample’s appearance and odor are recorded in the log book.

The specific soil types at the area of investigation should be accounted for when performing the oil sheen test. The best results are obtained in silts, sands, and/or gravels with low organic content. The results obtained from clayey soils may appear deceptively low. Typical descriptions of each test result are given below.

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<td>Obvious sheen that may not cover entire water surface</td>
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<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Definite oil sheen that covers entire surface, but &quot;rainbow colors&quot; not distinguishable.</td>
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<td>Heavy</td>
<td>Definite oil film or product that does not display rainbow colors.</td>
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<td>Rainbow</td>
<td>Definite oil sheen, film or product that displays rainbow colors.</td>
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**Interferences**

Interferences on the test can be caused by any contaminant which will cause an oil sheen on water. The samples will be carefully observed for characteristic appearance or odors which may indicate a possible contaminant other than coal tar. Sunlight and low temperatures may interfere with headspace development. Water and soil particles may interfere with PID and FID readings.

**Documentation**

The technician(s) will document the soil sampling events in a project dedicated field logbook or on field log data sheets.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1: Field Sampling Report  
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Attachment 1
Field Sampling Report

FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

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Field Log Data Sheet
Soil Samples

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Direct-Push Soil and Groundwater Sample Collection (Geoprobe®)

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Standard Operating Procedures for the
Direct-Push Soil and Groundwater Sample Collection
(Geoprobe®)

Purpose
The purpose of this standard operating procedures (SOP) is to describe the procedures for the collection of soil and/or groundwater samples when Geoprobe® field methods are used.

Applicability
This SOP will be utilized wherever direct-push (i.e., Geoprobe®) methods are employed for the retrieval of soil or groundwater from designated sampling locations.

Equipment
- Direct-push soil sampling rig
- Direct-push sampler liner
- Direct-push probe
- Extension rods
- Screen (four-foot lengths)
- Polyethylene tubing
- Pump (peristaltic or vacuum)
- Pre-cleaned-certified Sampling Containers
- Alconox®
- Deionized or tap water
- Stainless steel spoons, scoops or trowels
- Clean pair of surgical gloves
- Appropriate personal protective equipment
- Field notebook and/or Field Log Data Sheets
- Chain of Custody Form
- Sample Labels
- Coolers
- Bagged ice
- Tape
- Field balance (for soils)
- Water-proof ink pen
References
Procedures for Ground Water Monitoring, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Guidelines, December 1986
EPA: Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

Responsibilities
The environmental technician(s) or geologist is responsible for the proper collection of soil and water samples, sample identification, quality control procedures, and documentation.

Procedure
1. Approximately one week before the sampling event, the appropriate sample containers should be ordered from the laboratory.

2. Before leaving for the site, account for all the containers.

3. When the sample is ready to be collected label the containers with the following information:
   - Project number
   - Location sampled
   - Individual collecting the samples
   - Date and time of sample collection
   - Sample analysis (if required by the laboratory)
   Note: Use an indelible permanent pen to avoid ink bleeding.

4. Put on a new pair of disposable sampling gloves at each sampling location.

Soil Sampling with a Direct-push Soil Boring Rig:

A. Preparation of Soil Sampling Equipment

All soil sampling equipment will be carefully cleaned before use. All sampling tools including stainless steel spoons/scoops/trowels will be cleaned before use and in between sampling locations by cleaning with deionized or tap water and Alconox®, using a brush if necessary to remove particulate matter or films and rinsed thoroughly with deionized water. To prevent sample cross-contamination, the sampler will put on a new pair at each sampling location. Direct-push sampler liners (soils) are one-time use and disposable.

B. Soil Sample Collection

Soils are generally continuously sampled using the direct push method. This method utilizes steel drive rods and a 2-inch outside diameter (O.D.) soil core sampler with a dedicated 1.75-inch inside diameter (I.D) removable acetate liner. The probe rods and sampling unit are driven to the desired sampling depth by the static weight of the carrier vehicle and hydraulic hammer percussion. Two or four-foot sample cores are typically collected. The assembly is brought to the surface and the soil sample is exposed by cutting open the acetate plastic liner. In most investigations, the entire cores are field screened for moisture, odor, oil sheen, discoloration and the presence of organic soil vapors and classified in accordance with ASTM D-2488, Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils.
(Visual/Manual Method.) Soil sample field screening procedures are described in a separate standard operating procedure description.

1. Collecting Volatile Organic Samples

   Note: Samples for volatile analysis should be collected prior to any other analysis.

   A. Before beginning the collection of VOC soil samples, verify field balance using a 50 gram weight. If the balance is off by ± 5 grams, recalibrate the instrument following the manufacturer’s recommendations.

   B. Cut open the liner using a knife or similar utensil.

   C. Using a stainless-steel spoon/trowel and a field balance, to collect 25 grams of soil in a laboratory-provided tarred sample container. Because samples for VOCs cannot be weighed and then collected in the pre-tarred jar, it is recommended that a 25 gram aliquot be measured and discarded first, to gauge the approximate volume of the 25 gram aliquot (based on soil type). Then, collect another equal aliquot for preservation and analysis. Depending on the laboratory that supplied the container, methanol may be provided in a snap-cap vial that will be opened and poured over the soil in the pre-tarred container or container will been received with the appropriate volume of methanol already added. In this case, avoid splashing the methanol when adding the soil volume.

   D. Wipe the jar lip and screw threads to remove soil and ensuring a tight seal with the lid of the container.

   E. Cool the sample to approximately 4°C immediately after collection.

2. Collecting Semivolatile Organic or Metals Samples (or any other soil sample)

   A. Cut open the liner using a knife or similar utensil.

   B. Retrieve sample using a clean stainless steel spoon/trowel. Fill sample jar, wipe the jar lip and screw threads to remove soil and ensuring a tight seal with the lid of the container. No preservatives are required for soil samples except VOCs.

   C. Cool the sample to approximately 4°C immediately after collection.

**Groundwater Sampling with a Direct-push Soil Boring Rig:**

Groundwater samples will be collected by advancing the direct-push probe to the desired sampling depth. When the sampling depth is reached, small diameter extension rods will be run through the steel probe rods to push out the expendable drive point. Next, a one-inch screen (four-foot length) is extended into the formation. Following screen placement, polyethylene tubing is placed into the temporary well, and a peristaltic pump (or equivalent) is used to draw water samples to the surface to be placed in appropriate vials or bottles for laboratory analysis.

After each well is constructed, the probe rods are washed in an Alconox®/water mixture and rinsed with water. The polyethylene tubing is discharged after each sample was collected and new tubing used for the
collection of the next sample. The temporary well locations will be abandoned following all State regulations.

Container volume, type, and preservative are important considerations in groundwater sample collection. Container volume must be adequate to meet laboratory requirements for quality control, split samples, or repeat examinations. The container type or construction varies with the analysis required: (1) septum-sealed 40-ml glass vial is used for volatile organic compounds; (2) semivolatile analyses usually require a glass container (note—amber-tinted glass prevents sunlight from affecting the sample); and (3) polyethylene containers are used for general parameters, metals, and inorganics. The analytical laboratory will preserve the container before shipment. Preservation and shelf life vary; contact the laboratory to determine if an on-hand container is still useful.

A. Groundwater Sample Collection

1. Volatiles—Use caution because concentrated acid may be present. Do not rinse or overfill glass vials. Hold bottle in one hand, the cap right side up in the other. Pour slowly, avoiding air bubbles and overfilling the vial. Cap tightly, invert the bottle, and tap gently. If any air bubbles appear in the vial, discard and collect sample in a new vial. After collecting the required number of vials (usually sets of 2 or 3, depending on the laboratory), insert them in a Ziplock® plastic bag and place in a cooler with ice.

2. Semivolatiles—Fill container slowly with a minimum headspace and cap tightly. Do not rinse glass containers. Place container directly in a cooler with ice.

3. Filtered Metals—Typically field filtering of groundwater samples collected from a Geoprobe® boring is not advised. Undeveloped temporary borings of this type will likely contain significant solids that would require several attempts to filter adequately. In these cases, the laboratory(’s) can perform this filtering, if necessary. However this would require an unpreserved aliquot of sample for filtration and preservation (of nitric acid) at the laboratory. Should field filtering be required, see the Barr Engineering Co. Standard Operating Procedure for Filtering Groundwater Samples). Pour sample into metals sample container, minimizing headspace and avoiding spillage. Use caution handling metals containers because of nitric acid. Place directly in a cooler with ice.

4. Other Organics or Inorganics—Containers may contain acid(s), use caution when handling. Fill containers appropriately, rinsing any general unpreserved containers three times, minimizing splashing and spillage. Place container directly in a cooler with ice.

Quality Control Samples

The effectiveness of the sample handling techniques is monitored by collecting both preserved and unpreserved field blank samples. For additional information, consult the Barr Engineering Co. SOP for the Collection of Quality Control Samples.

Field (or Masked) duplicate samples will be collected to measure relative sampling (and laboratory) precision. The ratio of quality control samples are generally 1 field blank/field duplicate per twenty samples, however, specific project requirements may be determined by the QAPP/SAP for the project. These samples are collected at the same time using the same procedures, equipment, and types of containers as the required samples. They are also preserved in the same manner and are either co-located or split and submitted for the same analyses as the native sample(s).
Trip blanks are only applicable when sampling/analyzing for volatile organics. Their purpose is to determine if contamination has occurred as a result of improper sample container cleaning, contaminated blank source water, sample contamination during storage and transport due to exposure to volatile organics, or other environmental conditions during sampling and analysis. The water will be free of contaminants. The trip blanks are prepared, sealed and labeled appropriately at the lab, and transported to the field in the same containers as the sample vials. These blanks are not opened in the field. They are transferred to the coolers designated for volatile sample storage and transport and accompany the samples to the analytical laboratory.

Field blanks (or Rinsate Blanks) are used to evaluate the effects of sampling cross-contamination caused by inadequately decontaminated equipment. Their purpose is to determine if contamination has occurred as a result of improper equipment cleaning. Field blanks are prepared onsite by pouring analyte-free water through decontaminated sample collection equipment (bailer or pump) and collecting the rinsate in the appropriate sample container. The field blanks will be handled in the same manner as the sample group for which they are intended (i.e., blanks will be stored and transported with the sample group).

The volume of the sample obtained should be sufficient to perform all required analyses with an additional amount collected to satisfy the needs for quality control, split samples, or repeat examinations. The QA Staff should be consulted for any specific volume requirements.

The elapsed time between sample collection and initiation of each laboratory analysis will fall within a prescribed time frame. Holding times for samples required by this project are prescribed by EPA: Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Water and Soil Sample Storage**

The samples will be bubble wrapped or bagged immediately after collection, stored in a sample cooler, packed on double bagged wet ice and accompanied with the proper chain of custody documentation. Samples will be kept cold (approximately 4°C) until receipt at the laboratory, where they are to be stored in a refrigerated area. Custody seals may be present, but at minimum, the coolers must be taped shut with three straps of fiberglass tape. All samples will be kept secured to prevent tampering. If sample coolers are left in a vehicle or field office for temporary storage, the area will be locked and secured. The coolers must be delivered to the laboratory via hand or over night delivery courier in accordance with all Federal, State and Local shipping regulations.

**Note:** Samples may have to be stored indoors in winter to prevent freezing.

**Interferences/Discussion**

Volatile and low-level mercury samples must be collected prior to any other analyses and metals must be collected prior to cyanide samples to avoid possible cross-contamination or other potential data quality issues. After collection, all samples should be handled as few times as possible. Samplers should use extreme care to ensure that samples are not contaminated. If samples are placed in a cooler, samplers should ensure that melted ice cannot cause sample containers to become submerged, as this may result in cross-contamination. Plastic bags, such as Ziplock® bags, should be used when small sample containers (e.g., VOC vials) are placed in coolers to prevent cross-contamination.

Some compounds can be detected in the parts per billion and/or parts per trillion range. Extreme care will be taken to prevent cross-contamination of these samples. A clean pair of new, disposable gloves will be
worn for each sample location. Sample containers for source samples or samples suspected of containing high concentrations of contaminants are placed in separate plastic bags and coolers immediately after collecting, preserving and tagging. Sample collection activities will proceed progressively from the least contaminated area to the most contaminated area (when known).

**Disposal**

All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

**Documentation**

The technician(s) will document the type and number of samples collected during each field event. All sample information will be documented in the field notebook, field log data sheet and chain-of-custody record.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1: Chain of Custody Form  
Attachment 2: Sample Label  
Attachment 3: Custody Seal – if applicable  
Attachment 4: Field Sampling Report  
Attachment 5: Field Log Data Sheet
### Chain of Custody Form

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#### Common Parameters/Preservatives

1. VOCs, OCS, PCBs, Dioxins, Furans, TCE, TPH, TCE
2. Humidified with Humidifier
3. Nitrates, Nitrites, Organic Nitrogen
4. BOD, COD, Phosphorus, Ammonia

#### COC Chain Information

- **Project Manager:**
- **Project Contact:**
- **Sampled by:**
- **Laboratory:**

#### Other Details

- **Sample Shipped:** Y / N
- **Air Bill Number:**
- **Distribution:** White-Original Accompaniment Shipment to Lab, Yellow - Field Copy, Pink - Lab Coordinator

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**Figure 3**

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**
Attachment 2
Example - Sample label

Client ________________________________
Project Number ________________________
Date: _________ Time: ________
Preservative: _________________________
Sampled by: _________________________
Sample Location: ______________________

Attachment 3
Custody Seal – if applicable

Custody Seal

Date____________________ Project____________________

Signature____________________ Container#______ of______
Attachment 4
Field Sampling Report

FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

Date: 
Project: 
Contact: Barr Engineering Company  
4700 W. 77th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55435-4803

Field Sampling

Field Report
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Laboratory Analysis Status

<Name inserts here>
Environmental Technician

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Field Log Data Sheet

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

SOIL SAMPLE COLLECTION

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Standard Operating Procedure for
Soil Sample Collection

Purpose
To describe the collection of soil samples for volatiles, semivolatiles, metals, inorganics, bacteria, and dioxin analysis in soil.

Applicability
This procedure applies to the collection of soil samples by the sampling technician(s). It identifies each container type (volume, construction, preservative) required for each category of analyses, their corresponding holding times and collection procedures from a variety of sources.

Definitions

**Holding Time.** Period of time between sample collection and when the sample is analyzed.

**Sample Preservation.** The stability of analytes depends upon how well the samples are preserved.

Equipment
- Sampler media
- Pre-cleaned-certified Sampling Containers
- Stainless Steel Spoons
- Balance
- Coolers
- Ziploc® Baggy
- Ice
- Water-proof ink pen or pencil
- Gloves
- Alconox®
- Chain of Custody Form
- Sample Label
- Custody Seal – if applicable
- Field Sampling Report
- Field Log Cover Sheet
- Field Log Data Sheet

Responsibilities
The Field Operations/QA Officer or the environmental technician(s) will order the sample containers prior to the sampling event. The environmental technician(s) is responsible for the proper collection of soil samples, sample identification, quality control procedures, and documentation.

Procedure
Examples of samplers include split-barrel, split-barrel with brass liners, Geoprobe® sleeves, piston samplers, backhoe, or shovels may be used to retrieve soil from sampling locations. Depending upon the analyses to be conducted on the soil sample, the soil sample will either be sealed within the liner or sleeve or the soil sample will be transferred to a certified-laboratory-supplied container. The equipment required to transfer soil from the sampler to the sample container includes: stainless steel spoons, or scoops and the appropriate personal protective equipment necessary for collection and handling of soil. Volatile samples will be collected from representative areas of soil that were least disturbed first, then the remaining soil will be mixed and collected for the remaining analyses.

All soil sampling equipment will be carefully cleaned before and during soil sampling. All sampling tools including split-barrels, stainless steel spoons and scoops will be cleaned before use and between samples in the following manner: (1) clean with tap water and a phosphate-free detergent such as
Alconox®

Collecting Volatile Organic Samples

Soil samples will be collected for analysis by either a drilling apparatus equipped with a split-barrel, core barrel sampler or by hand excavation. Volatile samples should be collected first. The soil selected for collection should be the most undisturbed sample possible.

It is important to note that there are different jar sizes and sampling media available for collecting a soil sample for volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The table below describes the sample volumes and preservation techniques for the most common sampling media.

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<td>Encore® Sampler</td>
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The following procedure applies to soil samples retrieved with a drilling apparatus equipped with a split-barrel sampler or core barrel with liners (Skip to the next section if Encore® sampler or other coring device is used):
1. Open the split-barrel sampler.

2. Open a representative liner containing soil.

3. Using a stainless-steel spoon, weigh the desired aliquot (25 g. or 10 g.) of a representative soil sample on a field balance. Once a weight/volume estimate has been established, discard the soil and collect untouched soil, from the same source for step 4.

4. Using a stainless-steel spoon, place soil in a laboratory-provided-pre-weighed sample container containing methanol (avoid splashing the methanol).

5. Wipe the container lip and screw threads to remove soil and provide a good sealing surface, and immediately screw on the lid.

6. Cool the sample to approximately 4±2°C immediately after collection.

The following procedure applies to the collection of hand-excavated soil samples:

1. Dig to the desired sampling interval, exposing fresh soil surface to sample.

2. Collect a large sample on a shovel or in a bucket auger and bring it to the surface or collect the sample directly from the fresh soil surface.

3. Using a stainless-steel spoon, weigh the desired aliquot (25 g. or 10 g.) of a representative soil sample on a field balance. Once a weight/volume estimate has been established, discard the soil and collect untouched soil, from the same sample source for step 4.

4. Using a stainless-steel spoon, place the desired aliquot (25 g. or 10 g.) of soil in a pre-weighed-laboratory-provided sample container containing methanol (avoid splashing the methanol).

5. Wipe the jar lip and screw threads to remove soil and provide a good sealing surface, and immediately screw on the lid.

6. Cool the sample to 4±2°C immediately after collection

Collecting Volatile Organic Samples with the Encore® Sampler or other soil coring device

The following procedure applies collecting VOC samples of soil with the Encore® sampler device:

1. Hold the Encore® coring body and push plunger down until small o-ring rests against tabs to ensure the plunger moves freely.

2. Depress locking lever on T-Handle. Place coring body plunger end first into the open end of the T-Handle, aligning the slots on the coring body with the locking pins in the T-Handle. Twist coring body clockwise to lock pins in slots. Check to insure sampler is locked in place.

3. Turn T-handle with T-up and coring body down. This positions the plunger bottom flush with bottom of coring body. Using T-Handle, push sampler into soil until coring body is completely
full. When full the small o-ring will be centered in the T-Handle viewing hole. Remove excess soil from the coring body exterior.

4. Cap the coring body while it is still on the T-Handle. Push and twist cap over bottom until grooves on locking arms seat over ridge on coring body. Remove from T-Handle, lock plunger by rotating extended plunger rod fully counterclockwise until wings rest firmly against tabs, and attach label.

5. Cool the sample to 4±2°C immediately after collection.

Collecting Semivolatile Organic, Wet Chemistry and Metals Samples– except WI DRO

Soil samples will be collected for analysis by either a drilling rig equipped with a Geoprobe® sleeve, split-barrel, core barrel sampler or by hand excavation.

Please review the SOP for Direct Push Soil and Groundwater Sample Collection when Geoprobe® sleeves are used.

The following procedure applies to soil samples retrieved with a drilling rig equipped with a split-barrel sampler or core barrel with brass liners:

1. Open the split-barrel sampler.
2. Select a representative brass liner filled completely with soil.
3. Wrap the ends of the brass liners with heavy-duty aluminum foil, taking care to not piece the foil. Tape the foil to the brass liner with duct tape to ensure a seal. Cover the ends of the liner with plastic caps or duct tape to fully protect the foil.
4. Cool the sample to 4±2°C immediately after collection.

The following procedure applies to the collection of hand-excavated soil samples or core barrel samples:

1. Dig to the desired sampling interval, exposing fresh soil surface to sample.
2. Collect a large sample on a shovel or in a bucket auger and bring it to the surface or collect the sample directly from the fresh soil surface.
3. Using a stainless-steel spoon, composite the soil, pack the soil into the sample jars, leaving no headspace.
4. Wipe the container lip and screw threads to remove soil and provide a good sealing surface, and immediately screw on the lid.
5. Cool the sample to 4±2°C immediately after collection.

WI Diesel Range Organic (WIDRO) Samples
Soil samples will be collected for analysis by either a drilling apparatus equipped with a split-barrel, core barrel sampler or by hand excavation. Volatile samples should be collected first. The soil selected for collection should be the most undisturbed sample possible.

The following procedure applies to soil samples retrieved with a drilling apparatus equipped with a split-barrel sampler or core barrel with liners:

1. Open the split-barrel sampler.

2. Open a representative liner containing soil.

3. Using a stainless-steel spoon, weigh 25 ± 5 grams of a representative soil sample on a field balance. Once a weight/volume estimate has been established, discard the soil and collect untouched soil, from the same source for step 4.

4. Using a stainless-steel spoon, place 25 ± 5 grams of soil in a laboratory-provided-pre-weighed sample container.

5. Wipe the container lip and screw threads to remove soil and provide a good sealing surface, and immediately screw on the lid.

6. Cool the sample to 4±2°C immediately after collection.

The following procedure applies to the collection of hand-excavated soil samples:

1. Dig to the desired sampling interval, exposing fresh soil surface to sample.

2. Collect a large sample on a shovel or in a bucket auger and bring it to the surface or collect the sample directly from the fresh soil surface.

3. Using a stainless-steel spoon, weigh 25 ± 5 grams of a representative soil sample on a field balance. Once a weight/volume estimate has been established, discard the soil and collect untouched soil, from the same sample source for step 4.

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5. Wipe the container lip and screw threads to remove soil and provide a good sealing surface, and immediately screw on the lid.

6. Cool the sample to 4±2°C immediately after collection

**Collecting Soil Quality Control Samples**

Trip blanks are only used when sampling for volatile organics. Their purpose is to determine if contamination has occurred as a result of improper sample container cleaning, sample contamination during storage and transport due to exposure to volatile organics, or other environmental conditions during sampling or analysis. Trip blank samples are prepared prior to the sampling events by the laboratory providing the sample containers. The certified-pre-weighed methanol (MeOH) containers will be free of contaminants. The trip blank samples are prepared by the lab, sealed, labeled appropriately by the lab, and transported to the field in the same containers as the sample containers.
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Field (or Masked) duplicate samples will be collected to measure relative sampling precision. Five percent of all samples collected are collected in duplicate. These samples are collected at the same time using the same procedures, equipment, and types of containers as the required samples. They are also preserved in the same manner and are either co-located or split and submitted for the same analyses as the required samples.

Some general considerations will be taken into account when planning and conducting sampling operations. The sampler will take into consideration the required sample volume, sample holding times, sample handling, and special precautions for trace contaminant sampling.

The volume of the sample obtained should be sufficient to perform all required analyses with an additional amount collected to satisfy the needs for quality control, split samples, or repeat examinations. The Laboratory Coordinator should be consulted for any specific volume requirements.

The elapsed time between sample collection and initiation of each laboratory analysis will fall within a prescribed time frame. Holding times for samples required by this project are prescribed by EPA: Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

After collection, all samples should be handled as few times as possible. Samplers should use extreme care to ensure that samples are not contaminated. If samples are placed in a cooler, samplers should ensure that melted ice cannot cause sample containers to become submerged, as this may result in cross-contamination. Plastic bags, such as Ziplock® bags, should be used when small sample containers are placed in coolers to prevent cross-contamination.

Some compounds can be detected in the parts per billion and/or parts per trillion range. Extreme care will be taken to prevent cross-contamination of these samples. A clean pair of new, disposable gloves will be worn for each sample location. Sample containers for source samples or samples suspected of containing high concentrations of contaminants are placed in separate plastic bags and coolers immediately after collecting, preserving and tagging. Sample collection activities will proceed progressively from the least contaminated area to the most contaminated area (when known).

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- Common Parameters/Container - Preservation Key:
  - Non-Organic = HF, HCl, T:H, FrHL, etc.
  - Humic Acid = F:K, K:K, Alkali, HCl, HF, T:
  - Soil, Sediments, Ashes

- **Note:** All entries must be made in ink.

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**Figure 3**

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**
Attachment 3
Custody Seal

Custody Seal

Date _______________ Project _______________________

Signature ___________________________ Container# ________ of ________
### Attachment 4
**Field Log Data Sheet**

Barr Engineering Company
Field Log Data Sheet
Soil Samples

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Soil Sample Compositing

Revision 1

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Standard Operating Procedures for
Soil Sample Compositing

Purpose
The purpose of this SOP is not to define the representative number of sub-samples, but to describe
the procedures of compositing several discrete samples into one representative sample for analysis.

Applicability
This SOP applies to samples collected from any site where it is determined that samples be
composited prior to analysis at the laboratory.

Definitions
Sub-sample A representative, homogeneous portion or aliquot of a sample that is removed from an
individual sample or the aggregate sample for preparation and measurement of the sample submitted
for analysis.
Composite Sample A collection of more than one sample of the same medium from the same type of
surface, such that multiple samples can be combined and analyzed as a single sample. Discrete
Sample A sample that originated from a specific area at a specific time.

Equipment
Stainless steel spoons or scoops
Large stainless steel mixing bowl
Sampler media
Pre-cleaned-certified Sampling Containers
Coolers
Ziploc® Baggy
Ice
Water-proof ink pen or pencil
Gloves
Tap water
Deionized water
Drill rig

References
Barr Engineering Co. SOP Soil Sample Collection

Responsibilities
The environmental technician(s) is responsible for the proper sample identification; field screening
procedures; quality control procedures and documentation. The role of the Health and Safety Officer
is to oversee all aspects of job safety. The Barr Project Manager in conjunction with the client
develops the site specific work plan or sample and analysis plan to define the scope of work.
Discussion

Both composite and discrete samples can be used for environmental investigations. Composite samples are valuable in characterizing a large area or volume of soil. Detailed guidance for sub-sample collection is given from specific programs (e.g., Minnesota Department of Agriculture Agricultural Chemical Incidents; MCPA’s Leaking Petroleum Storage Tanks). In general, sampling the total investigation area and final numbers of sub-samples should be appropriate to meet the data quality objectives for the project. The work plan or SAP should contain the detailed information regarding the ratio of the total investigation soil area to final composited sample numbers.

Discrete soil samples identified for compositing can be collected in several ways. These include a drilling rig equipped with a split-barrel, core-barrel sampler, or by hand excavation. Additional information on soil sample collection can be found in the SOP for soil sample collection.

Procedure

The samples should be labeled discretely, and stored at 4ºC until each individual sample is obtained. A minimum volume of soil obtained during discrete sampling will be dependent on the final analytical requirements for the composite sample. A minimum volume of soil sufficient to fill two 4- or 8-ounce glass or Teflon containers should be obtained for compositing. This volume would be ample for analysis of semivolatiles, PCBs, pesticides, metals.

Note: Analytical samples should not be collected from polyethylene bags sometimes used for field screening purposes. Volatile organic samples should not be composit ed, due to aeration of the sample during mixing.

A. Sampling Equipment Preparation

All soil compositing equipment will be carefully cleaned between uses in following manner: (1) clean with tap water and TSP using a brush, if necessary, to remove particulate matter and films; (2) rinse three times with tap water; and (3) rinse three times with deionized water. To prevent sample cross-contamination, the sampler will discard the outer pair of sample gloves and put on a new pair between each compositing event.

B. Compositing Discrete Samples

1. After individual samples have been obtained, compositing begins by documenting the discrete sample locations to be included in a final composited sample. Appropriate laboratory containers should be labeled with this final sample identifier and the date of collection.

2. Retrieve from storage the samples selected for compositing. One container from each discrete sample location should remain in storage in case individual sample confirmations are necessary.

3. Empty the entire contents of each container into the stainless steel mixing bowl, removing any large debris or rocks. Mix thoroughly.

4. Fill appropriate laboratory sample containers.

6. Immediately after samples are composited, they should be placed in a cooler containing ice or ice packs and cooled at 4°C for shipment to the laboratory.

**Sample Storage**

The samples will be bubble wrapped or bagged immediately after collection, stored in a sample cooler, packed on double bagged wet ice and accompanied with the proper chain of custody documentation. Samples will be kept cold (approximately 4°C) until receipt at the laboratory, where they are to be stored in a refrigerated area. Custody seals may be present, but at minimum, the coolers must be taped shut with three strips of fiberglass tape. All samples will be kept secured to prevent tampering. If sample coolers are left in a vehicle or field office for temporary storage, the area will be locked and secured. The coolers must be delivered to the laboratory via hand or over night delivery courier in accordance with all Federal, State and Local shipping regulations.

**Note:** Samples may have to be stored indoors in winter to prevent freezing.

**Investigative Derived Waste Sample Collection**

Ensure enough representative sample is collected to provide adequate sample volume for all analyses used to characterize the IDW for disposal purposes. When collecting solid IDW sample volume, take moisture content into consideration when determining how much sample to provide to the laboratory for TCLP analysis. If the solid sample contains <5 percent by volume solid material, then enough liquid/solid sample must be obtained to provide the laboratory with an adequate supply to meet TCLP sample volume requirement guidelines. See the IDW Sample Collection SOP for further information.

**Disposal**

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**Documentation**

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### Chain of Custody Form

![Chain of Custody Form](image)

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- CO: Carbon Tetrachloride
- TCE: Trichloroethylene
- PCE: 1,1,1-Trichloroethane
- MTBE: Methyl tert-Butyl Ether
- VOC: Volatile Organic Compounds
- SVOC: Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds
- Dioxin: Dioxin and Related Compounds
- PAH: Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- Metals: Heavy Metals
- Organo-Fluor: Organofluorine Compounds
- Organic: Organic Compounds
- Inorganic: Inorganic Compounds

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**Project Contact:**

**Sampled by:**

**Laboratory:**

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**Figure 3**

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**
Attachment 2
Example - Sample label

Client: ___________________________
Project Number: ___________________
Date: _______________ Time ____________
Preservative: ________________________
Sampled By: ________________________
Sample Location: _____________________
Attachment 3
Custody Seal – if applicable

Custody Seal

Date ______________ Project ____________________________

Signature ____________________________ Container# _____ of ________
Attachment 4
Field Sampling Report

FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

Date:
Project:
Contact: Barr Engineering Company
4700 W. 77th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55435-4803

Field Sampling

Field Report
Attachments:

Laboratory Analysis Status

<Name inserts here>
Environmental Technician

Document

Barr Engineering Company * 4100 W. 77th Street * Minneapolis, MN 55435-4803 * 952/832-2600
Attachment 5
Field Log Cover Sheet

FIELD LOG COVER SHEET
WATER SAMPLING

Client:  
Project No.:  
Technician:  
Sampling Period:  

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Collection of Quality Control Samples

Revision 2

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QA Manager(s)

Signature

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Date

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Standard Operating Procedures for the Collection of Quality Control Samples

Purpose

To describe the procedures used in the collection of quality control samples; equipment blanks, field blanks, masked duplicate samples (i.e. field duplicate samples), matrix spikes and matrix spike duplicate and trip blank samples.

Applicability

This procedure applies to sample definition, collection and handling techniques used by the technician(s) and the laboratory in regards to quality control samples.

Equipment

Laboratory certified containers appropriate for the required analysis
Nitrile or vinyl gloves
Bailer
Chain of custody
Sample Labels
Sample containers/media
Analyte-free water

Definitions

Equipment Blank. The equipment blank sample is made up from analyte-free water that is rinsed on or through sample collection equipment. The rinse water is collected in the appropriate sample container(s) and submitted for analysis. The equipment blank samples are used to determine the following; the effectiveness of field cleaning procedures and to determine any source of contamination in a trip blank sample. The purpose of the equipment blank sample is to determine if the sampling devices and apparatus for sample collection have been adequately cleaned before they are shipped to the field site.

Field Blank. Field blank samples (or Rinsate Blanks) are prepared on-site. The field technician pours analyte-free water through decontaminated sample collection equipment (bailer or pump, hand-trowel, etc.) and collects the “rinsate” in the appropriate sample container(s). The field blank samples will be handled in the same manner as the sample group for which they are intended (i.e. blanks will be stored and transported with the sample group). The purpose of the field blank sample is to determine whether the field or sample transporting procedures and environments have contaminated the sample.

Field (or Masked) Duplicates. Field duplicate samples are: two identical aliquots of a sample, collected in separate sample bottles at the same time, and placed under identical circumstance using a duel inlet sampler or by splitting a larger aliquot. They are treated exactly the same throughout field and laboratory procedures. Analyses of field duplicate samples give a measure of the precision associated with sample collection, preservation, and storage, as well as with laboratory procedures.
Matrix Spikes (MS) and Matrix Spike Duplicate (MSD). Matrix spike and matrix spike duplicates are two identical aliquots of an environmental sample to which known quantities of analytes are added (spiked) in the laboratory. The MS and MSD are prepared and analyzed exactly like their project (native) sample aliquot. Generally, it is required that three separate sample aliquots are collected in the field for each analysis. One aliquot is analyzed to determine the background concentrations in the project sample, a second sample aliquot serves as the MS sample and the third sample aliquot serves as the MSD. The purpose of the MS and MSD is to quantify the bias and precision caused by the sample matrix. The background concentrations of the analytes in the sample matrix must be determined in a separate aliquot and the measured values in the MS and MSD corrected for background concentrations.

Trip Blank. A trip blank sample is made up of contaminant-free water and is prepared prior to sampling event by the laboratory providing the sampling containers. The purpose of the trip blank sample is to determine if contamination has occurred from any of the following sources; improper sampling container cleaning, contaminated source water, sample contamination during storage and transportation due to exposure to contaminants or any other environmental conditions during sampling. Trip blank samples apply to VOC samples only.

References

Procedures for Ground Water Monitoring, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Guidelines, December 1986

EPA: Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

Responsibilities

The sampling technician(s) are responsible for the accurate collection of quality control samples. The laboratory is responsible for the accurate set-up and analysis of quality control samples.

Procedure

The ratio of quality control samples are generally 1 field blank/field duplicate per twenty samples, however, specific project requirements may be determined by the QAPP/SAP for the project.

A. Masked duplicate sample:

1. Collect samples by rotating sampling containers from original sample to the field (masked) duplicate sample (using the same exact methods for both).

2. Preserve, store, and transport the field duplicate sample in the same manner as the original sample.

3. Submit the field duplicate sample to the laboratory for the same analyses as the original sample.

B. Trip blank Samples:

1. Trip blank samples are sealed prior to sampling (prepared by the laboratory performing the VOC analysis).
2. Transport trip blank samples to the site in the sample storage cooler containing the VOC vials used for collecting project samples for the sampling event.

3. Trip blank sample containers are not to be opened in the field.

4. Transport trip blank samples back to the laboratory in the sample storage cooler. There must be one set of trip blank samples per sample cooler containing VOC samples from the Site.

5. The trip blanks should be listed on the chain-of-custody along with the other samples and the analysis required. (Trip blanks are only provided for VOCs analyses).

   **Note:** Labeling of all sample blank containers follow the SOP for the collection of groundwater, soil, or sediment samples.

C. Field, Rinsate, or Equipment blanks:

1. Obtain the appropriate sampling containers and desired amount (analyte-free) water from the laboratory. (Generally, blanks are taken for each parameter of interest.)

2. Pour analyte-free water through decontaminated sample collection equipment (bailer or pump, hand-trowel, etc.) and collecting the “rinsate” in the appropriate sample containers.

3. Seal the field blank sample containers and store with other samples collected (should be handled in the same manner).

   **Filtered equipment blank:**

   1. Pour or pump (analyte-free) water into and/or through the groundwater sampling filter.
   
   2. Begin filtering (as described in the standard operating procedure for Filtering Groundwater Samples).

   **Note:** The filtered equipment blank is usually conducted for dissolved metals or dissolved organic carbon samples only.

**Sample Storage**

The samples will be bubble wrapped or bagged immediately after collection, stored in a sample cooler, packed on double bagged wet ice and accompanied with the proper chain of custody documentation. Custody seals may be present, but at minimum, the coolers must be taped shut with three straps of strapping tape. If sample coolers are left in a vehicle or field office for temporary storage, the area will be locked and secured. The coolers must be delivered to the laboratory via hand or over night delivery courier in accordance with all Federal, State and Local shipping regulations.
Disposal

All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

Documentation

The technician(s) will document the type and number of quality control samples collected during each field event. All sample information will be documented in the field notebook, field log data sheet and chain-of-custody record.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Field Log Data Sheet
Attachment 2 – Chain of Custody Form
Attachment 3 – Sample Label – Example
Attachment 4 – Custody Seal – Example
Attachment 1
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Number of Containers / Analysis Columns

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- PAH
- VOC
- M/GRO
- PCB
- F/GRO Metals
- Other
## Attachment 2

### Chain of Custody Form

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**Common Parameters/Container - Preservation Key**

1. **Volume/Origin** = HYD, GRO, TYP, FlueGas
2. **Sample Data** = Age, Purity, PCF, Status, Flowrate or Mass
3. **Organic Waste** = pH, TS, TDS, TSS

**Sample Disposal**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Other**

**Alt Bill Number**

**Figure 3**

**CHAIN OF CUSTODY**
Attachment 3
Example - Sample label

Client

Project Number

Date: _______________ Time: _______________

Preservative:

Sampled By:

Sample Location:

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Attachment 4
Custody Seal

Custody Seal

Date ______________________  Project ______________________

Signature ______________________  Container# ______ of ________
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Documentation of a Chain of Custody

Revision 2

March 3, 2009

Approved By: ___________________    ___________________    03/03/09
Print                           QA Manager(s)            Signature              Date

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Print                           Field Technician(s)     Signature              Date

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Standard Operating Procedures for Documentation of a Chain-of-Custody

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to describe how to properly document information on a Chain-of-Custody (COC) form.

Applicability

These procedures apply to anyone, any time a COC is required.

Definitions

Chain-of-Custody A legally binding document that identifies sample identification, analyses required, and shows traceable possession of samples from the time they are obtained until they are introduced as evidence in legal proceedings.

Equipment

Chain of Custody form
Indelible ink pen

References

Groundwater sampling guidelines and groundwater and surface water sampling procedures by Barr Engineering Company.

Responsibilities

The environmental technician(s)/field technician(s) are responsible for accurate and complete documentation on the COC.

Procedure

The COC is the most important sampling document, it must be filled out accurately and completely every time.

Completing a Chain-of-Custody

1. The COC should be completed prior to leaving the sampling location.

2. Complete one COC or more as needed for each cooler of samples.
3. The COC must contain the following information:

   a. Project number
   b. Sample identification
   c. Date and time of sample collection
   d. Container type and number
   e. Sample matrix
   f. Whether the sample is a grab, composite, or blank sample
   g. Project manager
   h. Project contact
   i. Project name
   j. Project number
   k. Laboratory name
   l. Analyses required
   m. Signature of sampler(s)
   n. Signature of transferee
   o. Date and time of transfer
   p. Method of transport and any shipping numbers
   q. If sample preservation check conducted in the field indicates:
      1) additional preservation is required for inorganic samples. Note this on the COC or perform
         a pH adjustment and note the volume, concentration and preservative type on the COC. Or,
      2) that a VOC sample is not properly preserved, note this on the COC, request a 7 day TAT
         due to the analytical method holding time is 7 days from collection.

4. The COC should always accompany the cooler of samples associated with the COC.

   a. Distribution of the COC pages:

      Pages one and two go to the laboratory, page three goes to the lab coordinator, and the fourth
      page is the field copy.

**Documentation**

The Chain-of-Custody form is the documented proof of possession of samples collected. This is documented by field personnel collecting the samples and the laboratory receiving the samples.

**Attachments**

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Common Parameters/Containers - Preservation Key:

1. **Hydrocarbons** = BTEX, CRC, TPH, Total PAH
2. **Composed of Organics** = PAHs, CRC, Hydrocarbons, Petroleum, etc.
3. **Sediment** = Clay, Silt, Mud, Rock, Sludge, etc.
4. **Natural** = COD, TOC, TSS, TS, and others
5. **Bioavailable** = Nutrients, Toxicity, etc.

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**Distribution**: White-Original, Shipment to Lab, Yellow - Field Copy, Pink - Lab Coordinator

**Sample Placement**: Yes, Regularly, Yes, Sample

**Date Rejected**: Date, Time

**Received by**: Date, Time

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**Chain of Custody**

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Calculation of Purge Volumes for Groundwater Sampling Wells

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Standard Operating Procedures for
the Calculation of Purge Volumes
for Groundwater Sampling Wells

Purpose
The purpose of this procedure is to describe the methods used in calculating and measuring purge volumes.

Applicability
The procedure applies to the amount of water that is purged out of a well before sampling can occur.

Definition
Purge volume is a specific amount of water removed from a well before sampling.

Equipment
Calculator
Field Logbook

Reference
Groundwater and Surface Water Sampling Procedures by Barr Engineering Co.

Discussion
The procedure will show that a variety of calculations must be carried out before purge volumes are known.

Responsibilities
The sampling technician(s) conducting the purging of the well are responsible for the purge volumes.

Procedure
Calculating and Measuring Purge Volumes

1. Calculate the volume of standing water in the well (using the following equation):

   \[
   \text{Volume of standing water} = \text{Diameter} \times \text{Depth} \times \frac{\pi}{4}
   \]

   \[
   \text{Volume of standing water} = \text{Diameter} \times \text{Depth} \times 0.785
   \]

   \[
   \text{Note: There is a precalculated chart to determine the volume of standing water (Figure 1).}
   \]
a. \[ V = (\pi)(r^2)(h) \]

- \( V \) = Volume in cubic feet of standing water
- \( \pi \) = 3.14
- \( r \) = Radius of the well casing or hole (in feet)
- \( h \) = Height of the column of water in the well (in feet)
  
  \((h = \text{water level} - \text{total well depth})\)

2. Convert the volume of standing water in the well from cubic feet to gallons using the following equation:

   a. \[ WV = (V)(7.48) \]

   \( WV \) = Well volume in gallons

3. Determine the amount of water to be purged (using this equation):

   a. \[ VP = (WV)(NWV) \]

   - \( VP \) = Volume of water pumped
   - \( WV \) = Well volume in gallons
   - \( NWV \) = Number of well volumes that monitoring plan requires to be purged

4. Estimate the time it will take for the well to be purged (time pumped).

   a. Determine the flow rate of the well.

      - **Flow meter** — If installed on well, it can be simply read to obtain the flow rate.
      - **No-flow meter** — The rate can be obtained by using a container marked in volumes and calculating the amount of time it takes for the container to fill with purge water.

      **Note:** See Standard Operating Procedures for Measuring Well Pumping Rates.

   b. Divide the volume of water pumped in the well by the flow rate.

**Stabilization Test Measurements**

Collection of stabilization test measurements shall begin at the same time as groundwater purging prior to sample collection is initiated. Well stabilization measurements will be collected and recorded at the start of the purging process and once every well volume during the purging process, with a minimum of one measurement collected per well volume removed. A well volume will be measured as the volume of water that occurs in each well from the base of the well to the water level measurement collected prior to initiation of purging. Once three well volumes have been removed, the well may be sampled after three consecutive measurements, collected at the intervals described above, are within the ranges presented below:
Specific Conductance: $\pm 5\%$ of the most recent reading (temperature corrected)

pH $\pm 5\%$ of the most recent reading (in pH units)

Temperature $\pm 5\%$ of the most recent reading (in degrees Celsius)

Oxidation Reduction Potential (Eh) $\pm 20$ mV of the most recent reading

Collect samples only after a minimum of three water-column volumes have been purged and stabilization of field water-quality parameters has been demonstrated by meeting the target criteria defined in the preceding paragraph. Field staff shall check operator procedures, equipment functioning, and well construction information for potential problems. In particular, field staff shall re-evaluate whether or not water is being withdrawn from the appropriate depth to effectively evacuate the well.

If all the checks produce no new insight, a decision might be made to collect samples after five or more water-column volumes have been purged even if field measurements have not stabilized. If the well was purged dry, it shall be allowed to recharge and the samples will be collected.

However, if either circumstance applies, the following procedure is required: Before authorizing the laboratory to analyze the samples, the meaningfulness and value of completing laboratory analysis of the sampling suite will be evaluated by reviewing the results of field measurements, well construction data, site hydrology, etc. Where such data is presented, it will be clearly documented that stabilization was not achieved; at a minimum, this fact will be reported on the Field Log Data Sheets and in the Field Sampling Report.

**Documentation**

The technicians will document flow rate, well volume, time pumped, volume pumped, water level, total well depth and stabilization test measurements on the field log data sheet.

**Figures**

Figure 1 – Volume of Water in Casing or Hole

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Field Log Data Sheet
### Figure 1

**Volume of Water in Casing or Hole**

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1 meter = 3.281 feet
1 gallon water weighs 8.33 lbs. = 3.785 kilograms
1 liter water weighs 1 kilogram = 2.205 lbs.
1 gallon per foot of depth = 12.419 liters per foot of depth
1 gallon per meter of depth = 12.419 x 10^-3 cubic meters per meter of depth
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## Field Log Data Sheet

### GENERAL DATA

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### WELL INSPECTION

(Answer for each category, state if lock replaced, detail any repairs needed on back of form)

- **CASING & CAP:**
  - COLLAR: 
  - LOCK: 
  - OTHER:

- **MW:** groundwater monitoring well
- **WS:** water supply well
- **SW:** surface water
- **SE:** sediment
- **OTHER:**

- **VOC:**
  - semi-volatile:
  - general:
  - nutrient:
  - cyanide:
  - DRO:
  - Sulfide:

- **oil, grease:**
- **bacteria:**
- **total metal:**
- **filtered metal:**
- **methylene:**
- **filter:**

### Additional Notes

*Measurements are referenced from top of riser pipe, unless otherwise indicated.*

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Purging Groundwater Wells

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Standard Operating Procedures
Purging Groundwater Wells

Purpose
The purpose of this SOP is to describe the procedures for purging a well using a variety of techniques described in this SOP.

Applicability
This SOP applies to environmental technicians who are responsible for purging wells using one of the following techniques described in this SOP.

Definitions
Well purging is the removal of a known volume of water from a well so sampling can occur. This removal can be achieved by using two techniques: (1) without in-place plumbing; or (2) with in-place plumbing.

Drawdown: the lowering of the static water level due to the removal of the groundwater.

Note: See SOP for definition of static water level.

Equipment
- Trisodium phosphate (TSP) solution
- Tap water
- Brush
- Deionized water
- Container marked in volume increments
- Sterile gloves
- Bailer (Stainless steel or new disposable polyethylene)
- Peristaltic pump
- Submersible pump
- Nylon line
- Discharge hose

References
- Groundwater Sampling Guidelines by MPCA

Responsibilities
The environmental technician(s) is responsible for the proper well purging procedures; and documentation.

Discussion
Purging of a groundwater well is an important factor in the sampling process. It prepares the well by removing required volumes of water (according to the sampling plan) prior to sampling. The purging is needed to stabilize the well to allow for representative sample collection.
One method of purging is to pump the well until three to five times the volume of standing water in the well is removed. A second method is to pump the well until the groundwater’s specific conductance, temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and oxidation reduction potential (ORP) stabilize. Normally, a combination of the two methods is used; i.e., specific conductance, temperature, pH, ORP and dissolved oxygen are measured at intervals and the volume purged is monitored. If a well is pumped dry, this constitutes an adequate purge and the well can be sampled following recovery. All well purging equipment will be cleaned between wells with tap water and Trisodium phosphate (TSP) solution and rinsed with tap water as described in the SOP for Tool Decontamination – Level 1.

Purging can be done using a bailer, a peristaltic or a submersible pump.

Procedure

Well Purging

A. Technique for purging a well without in-place pumping:

1. Bailers

   a. Put on gloves for skin protection and to prevent sample contamination.

   b. Remove foil from bailer top (stainless steel), bailer body (stainless steel), and check valve (Teflon). A disposable polyethylene bailer can be used in place of the stainless steel bailer.

   c. Connect all three parts together. It may be possible to connect additional bailer body pieces together, increasing the volume removed with each lowering of the bailer.

   d. Using a cord reel or similar device, secure the bailer to the cord reel rope.

   e. Empty the water collected from the bailer into a measuring bucket.

   f. Continue the process, until the correct volume of water has been purged and the well has stabilized.

      Note: See SOP for well stabilization testing.

   g. Cut the rope from the bailer after purging is finished.

   h. Place used top, bailer, and check valve in a dirty bailer cooler to be cleaned.

      Note: If a disposable bailer was used, it cannot be reused and must be disposed of.
2. **Bailer (H) – bailer hose**

A bailer is used for slow-recovering wells with an inside diameter less than 2 inches and a depth to groundwater greater than 25 feet. A laboratory-cleaned stainless steel bailer with a Teflon check valve or new disposable polyethylene bailer with a check valve is attached to a downrigger and support assembly. Teflon-coated wire and stainless steel wire are both acceptable for hauling stainless steel bailers. Polyethylene bailers can be hauled using stainless steel wire or new nylon line.

1. Put on gloves to protect skin.

2. Remove foil from bailer (stainless steel) and check valve (Teflon).

3. Connect these two parts together and connect them to a 40-foot suction hose. **Note:** Bailer (H) can only be used on wells with total well depths of approximately 40 feet or less.

4. Lower the hose and bailer into the well until the bailer is partially submerged below the static water level. **Note:** If well goes dry, the bailer needs to be on the bottom of the well (due to drawdown).

5. Begin to surge the hose up and down; the result will be water pumping out of the well from the suction hose.

6. Collect purged water in a measuring bucket.

7. Continue to purge until the desired amount is purged or the well goes dry (see monitoring plan for volumes required to be purged).

8. Remove hose from well, put bailer and check valve in dirty bailer cooler, rinse hose with distilled water.
3. **Centrifugal Pump**

a. Put on gloves to protect skin.

b. Remove foil from bailer (stainless steel) and check valve (Teflon); connect together.

c. Connect bailer assembly to a 40-foot suction hose.

   **Note:** Centrifugal pumps will not pump at depths greater than 30 feet without surging (bailer [C]).

d. Submerge the bailer assembly with attached hose about 2 feet into the static groundwater.

e. Screw the other end of the hose onto the intake of centrifugal pump (make sure the connection is tight to ensure suction).

f. Prime the pump by pouring water into the priming water filler cap.

g. Start centrifugal pump:
   Step 1: turn pump on by the switch on the side of the pump
   Step 2: pull recoil rope to start pump

h. Surge hose to get the water up.

i. Continue priming until the water pumps by itself.

j. Adjust flow (with check valve located on discharge of the pump) to desired flow rate.

k. Check flow rate with the measurement bucket (gpm).

   **Note:** If flow rates are under 1 gpm, the centrifugal pump should not be used.

l. Continue pumping until desired purge volumes are achieved.

m. Remove bailer and hose from well, turn off pump and disconnect the hose from the intake.

n. Disconnect bailer from the hose, put the bailer and check valve into the dirty bailer cooler; rinse the hose with distilled water.

o. Discharge purged water from pump by unscrewing the drain plug (bottom of the pumps); rinse pump.
4. Peristaltic Pump

This pump is used when the water level is within suction lift, i.e., within about 22 feet of the ground surface. It usually is a low-volume suction pump with low pumping rates suitable for sampling shallow, small-diameter wells.

a. Cut tubing to desired length.

b. Connect tubing to pump head, leaving 1 to 2 feet for discharge line.

c. Lower tubing into the well water (1 to 2 feet below surface).

d. Turn on pump and set speed at the desired rate of flow.
5. **4-inch Submersible Pump**

This pump may be used to purge water samples from any depth. Variable rate submersible pumps are available to fit inside 2-inch or larger wells.

a. Put on gloves to protect skin.

b. Attach purging hose to the pipe connected on the top submersible pump.
   
   **Note**: Either a 40- or 60-foot hose can be used, or both, whichever is appropriate.

c. Lower the submersible pump slowly into the well.

d. Lower pump until it is completely submerged into the water hang in casing.
   
   **Note**: It can usually be lowered 5 to 6 feet under the water, unless draw-down in the well occurs.

e. Connect the pump to the generator with an extension cord.

f. Start the generator:
   
   Step 1: turn switch to start
   Step 2: put choke on
   Step 3: pull recoil rope
   Step 4: let generator idle until it is running smooth

g. Turn on power (which is located on the front of the generator).
   
   **Note**: Submersible should be running; if not, turn off the generator and check connections.

h. Adjust flow rate to desired rate with the valve.

i. Measure the flow rate with the measuring bucket (gpm).

j. Turn off the generator after desired purge volume has been achieved.

k. Pull up the pump. The technician must be especially careful not to let the hose and wire get under or on the side of the pump.

l. Disconnect and disassemble all of the submersible pump apparatus; rinse accordingly.
6. **1.5-inch Submersible Pump**

This is a type of submersible pump that can be used in 2-inch or larger diameter wells. It can purge water from depths down to 200 feet depending on pump model and manufacturer. This pump may be used as a submersible pump alternate for lower-volume wells.

- a. Attach ¾-inch tubing to pump intake and lower to desired depth.
- b. Cut off tubing, allowing additional tubing length for discharge.
- c. Plug the pump into the controller. Pump will begin pumping using the variable speed controller. There are a variety of speed controllers available, typically designed for a specific pump.
- d. Attach the controller battery clips to the 12v DC power supply.
- e. Turn on the controller and dial the speed control to the desired flow rate. This is especially useful if the well has low recharge rates. The controller can slow the purge rate down to the optimum rate.
7. 6-Inch Submersible Pump

a. Put on gloves to protect skin.

b. Attach hose reel onto well casing.

c. Loosen retainer pins from pump holder and place in well.

d. Loosen retainer pins from hose reel and lower pump with reel handle to desired depth (about 2 feet below static water level).

e. Connecting hoses and power cords:
   Step 1: connect discharge hose to hose reel
   Step 2: connect (110, 220 volt) controller power patch cord to hose reel
   Step 3: connect controller power cord to appropriate 110, 220 receptacle on generator

f. Start the generator:
   Step 1: turn switch to start
   Step 2: put choke on
   Step 3: pull recoil rope
   Step 4: let generator idle until it is running smoothly

g. Turn on AC switch if applicable

h. Turn controller switch on (make sure LCD display reads zero before setting flow rate), adjust the flow rate with the speed control knob to desired rate.

i. Measure the flow rate with the measuring bucket (gpm).
   **Note:** Submersible pump should be running; if not, turn off the generator and check connections.

j. Shut down system after desired purge volume has been achieved:
   Step 1: turn controller switch off and turn speed control to zero
   Step 2: turn off AC switch
   Step 3: turn off generator
   Step 4: disconnect controller power patch cord from generator
   Step 5: disconnect controller power patch cord from hose reel
   Step 6: disconnect discharge hose from hose reel

k. Unlock retainer pin and reel up the hose and submersible pump and lock into pump holder.

l. Rinse the hose and pump with distilled water.
B. With In-place Plumbing

1. **Dedicated pumps** are submersible pumps that are permanently installed in a well.

   a. Put on gloves to protect skin.

   b. Start the generator:
      - Step 1: turn switch to “on”
      - Step 2: turn on choke
      - Step 3: pull recoil rope
      - Step 4: let generator idle until it is running smooth

   c. Connect the pump to the generator with an extension cord.

   d. Connect the pipe, elbow, and valve to the discharge pipe of the submersible pump (located at the top of the well).

   e. Turn on power from the generator to the pump.
      **Note:** If the pump does not start, check the connection from the generator to the pump.

   f. When water flows from discharge of the pump, adjust the flow according to desired flow rate (using the discharge check valve).

   g. Use measuring bucket to determine the appropriate flow rate (gpm).

   h. After the appropriate purge volume is achieved. Sample collection can occur (before shutting off the generator and pump).

   i. Turn off the generator.

   j. Disconnect all of the appropriate connections and take the pipe, elbow, and valve off.
      **Note:** Each dedicated pump has its own pipe, elbow, and valve. These pieces are left at each well.

**Discussion**

In general, peristaltic pumps are used for wells with water levels less than 22 feet in depth. Submersible pump may be used for wells with lower water levels. Bailers are used for wells with water levels below 25 feet and diameters less than 2 inches.

When peristaltic pumps are used, only the intake line is placed into the well. When submersible pump are used, the pump and discharge hose are lowered into the water column.

The pump/hose assembly used in purging should be lowered into the top of the standing water column and not deep into the water. This is done so that the purging will “pull” water from the formation into the screened area of the well and up through the casing so that the entire static volume can be removed. If the pump/hose is placed deep into the water column,
the water above the pump may not be removed, and the subsequent samples collected by
bailer may not be representative of the groundwater. The exception to placing the intake at
the top of the water level is during low-flow purging and sampling. For low-flow purging
and sampling the intake should be placed at or just above midscreen to capture water within
the formation (see Barr’s Low-flow Purging and Sampling SOP’s).

If well recovery (groundwater reentering the well from the surrounding formation) is at least
as rapid as the pumping rate, the pump/hose may be left hanging at the initial level until an
adequate volume of water is removed. If the pumping rate exceeds the well’s recovery rate,
the pumping rate will be adjusted.

A laboratory-cleaned bailer with a Teflon check valve or new disposable polyethylene bailer
with a check valve is attached to a support base and downrigger by stainless steel or
Teflon-coated wire. The bailer assembly is lowered into the top of the water column. When
the bailer has filled, it is removed from the well and the water is poured into a bucket marked
in quarts/liters for volume measurement.

**Purge Rate.** The purge rate for a given well depends on several factors including the well
volume and the depth to water. The well volume and depth to water will determine the type
of pump used in purging the well. Different types of pumps give different types of flow
rates. The flow rate will be determined in the field according to individual well performance.
The purge rate with submersible pumps will be up to approximately 25 gpm. The purge rate
with a peristaltic pump will be up to approximately 1 gpm. The purge rate should be held
constant during stabilization testing.

**Measuring Well Pumping Rate.** If a flow meter is installed on the well, simply read the
meter. If no meter is available, the pumping rate can be determined by using a container
marked in volume increments such as quarts or liters and a stopwatch to time how long it
takes for the container to fill with purge water. Be aware that changes in the flow rate will
affect the amount of time required to purge the necessary amount of water from the well.

**Measuring Purge Volume.** The volume of standing water in the well is calculated first to
determine the amount of purge water that needs to be removed from the well. The water
level must be measured in order to determine the volume of standing water. The volume of
standing water in the well is calculated using the following equation:

\[ V = (\pi)(r^2)(h) \]

where:
- \( V \) = volume, in cubic feet
- \( \pi \) = 3.14
- \( r \) = radius of the well casing or hole (in feet)
- \( h \) = height of the column of water in the well (in feet)

Then convert the volume of water standing in the well from cubic feet to gallons by
multiplying the volume by 7.48.

Then determine the amount of water that must be purged by multiplying the gallons of
standing water in the well by the number of well volumes that are required to be purged.
Documentation

The environmental technician(s) will document the procedures used in purging wells on the Field Log Cover Sheet, Field Log Data Sheet and or Field Log book.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Field Log Data Sheet
# Attachment 1

## Field Log Data Sheet

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(Answer for each category, state if lock ruptured, detail any repairs needed on back of form)

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**Others:**

*Measurements are referenced from top of riser pipe, unless otherwise indicated.*
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

For Well Stabilization and Well Stabilization Testing

Revision 1

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Standard Operating Procedures for
Well Stabilization and Well Stabilization Testing

Purpose

The purpose of procedure is to describe the methods used for well stabilization and stabilization testing of a well.

Applicability

Well stabilization is important to ensure that the water sampled will be representative of aquifer conditions.

Definitions

**Stabilized** When the required amount of water has been purged and the specific conductance, temperature, pH and potentially ORP of the groundwater are within acceptable limits for three consecutive readings.

**ORP** Reduction/oxidation potential. ORP is the potentiometric measurement in which the potential (or tendency) of the medium for electron transfer is sensed by an inert metal electrode and read relative to a reference electrode that is immersed in the same medium.

References


Responsibilities

The environmental technician(s) will be responsible for testing and recording stabilization test information.

Procedures

A. Well Stabilization:
   1) Field Water Quality Measurements

   Specific conductance, pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and potentially ORP (oxidation reduction potential) will be measured in the field immediately before sample collection. These measurements, as well as measurement conditions and the steady-state value for each
field water-quality parameter, will be recorded on the Field Log Data Sheet. Instrument
calibration information will be recorded as part of the field sampling report.

All measurements will be taken within a closed flow-through cell designed to allow
measurement of these parameters while minimizing changes in temperature, pressure, and
dissolved gases from the in-situ aquifer environment. The flow-through cell has:

- Airtight fittings for installation of all probes.
- An intake that is connected directly to the pump discharge line.
- A discharge line that is connected to the flow-through cell with an airtight connection.

The following rules should be followed when using the flow-through cell:

- The flow-through cell will be shielded from strong winds and, on hot days, it will be
  shielded from direct sunlight.
- The flow of groundwater through the cell will be maintained as continuous and steady as
  practical throughout the measurement period.
- Discharge velocities through the cell should be kept below 1.5 gallons per minute.

The operation of the probes will be as follows:

- All probes will be fully immersed without touching the sides of the airtight, non-metallic
  flow-through cell.
- All probes will be allowed to equilibrate with well water before recording measurements.

Specific procedural details for measurement of individual field water-quality parameters are
specified below. General care, maintenance, calibration procedures, and operation of each
measurement device will follow manufacturer’s specifications as detailed in the
instruction/owner’s manual for each device. Specific procedures for measurement of
individual field water-quality parameters are described below.

**Specific Conductance, Temperature, pH, and ORP (reduction/oxidation potential)**

These measurements will be taken using the YSI Model 556 MPS Water Quality Monitoring
System or equivalent. This device will be operated (including calibration) following the
manufacturer’s instructions.

**Dissolved Oxygen**

Dissolved oxygen measurements will be taken using the YSI Model 556 MPS dissolved
oxygen meter or equivalent. Personnel using dissolved oxygen measuring equipment will
have read the manufacturer’s instruction manual once carefully before making dissolved
oxygen measurements. Special care will be taken to store the probe in a humid environment
and to otherwise protect the delicate membrane on the end of the probe. The membrane will
be replaced every two to four weeks.
The dissolved oxygen meter will be calibrated according to manufacturer’s specifications before taking measurements. When dissolved oxygen readings less than or equal to approximately 1.0 mg/L are expected, the meter will be calibrated in a mode that enhances accuracy at low concentrations. The calibration details will be recorded in the field log.

Measurements will be taken as follows:

a. The membrane at the tip of the probe will be checked visually to verify that it is in good condition.

b. After allowing the dissolved oxygen probe to equilibrate with a continuously replenished supply of aquifer water, the first measurement will be recorded.

To be considered valid, readings should appear stable on the display. If unstable readings are recorded, they will be footnoted and the unstable measurement conditions will be clearly stated in the final field sampling report. Readings will be reported to the nearest 0.01 mg/L dissolved oxygen.

2. Criteria for Stabilization

Field water-quality parameters will be measured for stabilization after each water-column volume is purged. One water-column volume is defined as the volume of a cylinder with a height (h) equal to that of the static water-column inside the well and a diameter (d) equal to the diameter of the well casing.

Volume = $\pi \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 h$

Three consecutive measurements which meet the criteria listed below will be used to demonstrate stabilization:

- Temperature ±5% of the most recent reading (in degrees Celsius)
- Specific conductance (temperature corrected EC) ±5% of the most recent reading
- Dissolved oxygen ±5% of the most recent reading (in mg/L)
- pH ±5% of the most recent reading (in pH units)
- ORP Reading must be within ±0.01 units depending on the accuracy of the meter used.

Samples for laboratory analysis will be collected only after purging a maximum of five water-column volumes and achieving stabilization of field water-quality parameters. If field parameters do not stabilize after five water-column volumes, then field staff will verify that the probes and related equipment are functioning properly and that operator error is not an issue. Samples will be collected after five (or more) water-column volumes have been purged, even if field measurements have not stabilized. In such a case, the field log sampling and analysis report will clearly state that stabilization was not achieved.
B. Well Stabilization Testing:

Stabilization test samples are collected either from the flowing well discharge water or a bailer (depending on the purging method used). The sample is collected in a plastic bottle that has been rinsed three times with the sample.

Probes from both meters are placed in the collection bottle; readings are allowed to stabilize. Record the readings.

**Note:** Operation of the meters is explained in the SOPs for pH and conductivity meters.

The acceptable limits for specific conductance, temperature, pH and ORP are as shown:

- Specific Conductance—Reading from 0 to 500 must be within ±5 µmhos/cm @ 25°C. Reading from 500 to 5,000 must be within ±50 µmhos/cm @ 25°C.

- Temperature—Readings must be within ±0.5°C.

- pH—Reading must be within ±0.1 units.

- ORP—Reading must be within ±0.01 units depending on the accuracy of the meter used.

**Documentation**

The technician(s) shall document readings on the Field Log Data Sheet in the stabilization columns.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1: Field Sampling Report  
Attachment 2: Field Log Cover Sheet  
Attachment 3: Field Log Data Sheet
Attachment 1
Field Sampling Report

FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

Date:
Project:
Contact: Barr Engineering Company
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Field Sampling

Field Report
Attachments:

Laboratory Analysis Status

<Name inserts here>
Environmental Technician
# Field Log Cover Sheet

**FIELD LOG COVER SHEET**  
**WATER SAMPLING**

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**Summary of Field Activities**
# Field Log Data Sheet

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### Field Log Data Sheet

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| Purge method: |
| Sample method: |

| Start time: | Odor: |
| Stop time: | Purge Appearance: |
| Duration: (minutes) | Sample Appearance: |
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### STABILIZATION TEST

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Collection of Each Type of Groundwater Sample from Monitoring Wells, Residential Wells and Residential Systems

Revision 2

February 27, 2009

Approved By: Andrea Nord
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Kim Johannessen
Print Field Technician(s) Signature 2/27/09 Date

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Standard Operating Procedures for the
Collection of Each Type of Groundwater Sample from
Monitoring Wells, Residential Wells and Residential Systems

Purpose
The purpose of this procedure is to describe the collection of water samples for volatiles, semivolatiles, metals, inorganics, bacteria, and dioxin from monitoring wells, residential wells and residential systems.

Applicability
This procedure applies to the stabilization of monitoring wells and subsequent collection of groundwater samples by the sampling technician(s). It identifies each container type (volume, construction, preservative) required for each category of analyses, their corresponding holding times and collection procedures from monitoring wells, residential wells and residential systems.

Definitions
*Headspace*.  The air space between the container top and the water sample level.

*Holding Time*.  Period of time between sample collection and when the sample is analyzed.

*Sample Preservation*.  The stability of analytes depends upon the proper preservation technique and preservation acceptance criteria as defined by EPA Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations and corresponding method criteria.

Equipment
Sampler media
Pre-cleaned-certified Sampling Containers
Coolers
Ziploc® Baggy
Ice
Water-proof ink pen or pencil
Bailer (Stainless Steel or Polyethylene)
Gloves
Water Quality Meter
Sample label
Chain of Custody Form
Alconox

References
Ground Water Sampling Guidelines by MPCA
EPA: Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations
Responsibilities

The Field Operations/QA Officer or the environmental technician(s) will order the sample containers prior to the sampling event. The environmental technician(s) is responsible for the proper collection of monitoring wells, residential wells, and residential system groundwater samples; sample identification; quality control procedures; sample filtering and documentation.

Procedure

I. Obtain Sampling Media

Approximately one week before the sampling event, the sample containers should be ordered from the laboratory.

Note: Container volume, type, and preservative are important considerations in sample collection. Container volume must be adequate to meet laboratory requirements for quality control, split samples, or repeat examinations. The container type or construction varies with the analysis required. The analytical laboratory will preserve the container before shipment. Preservation and shelf life vary; contact the laboratory to determine if an on-hand container is still useful.

II. Measure Water Level, Well Depth and Purge

Once the water level and well depth measurements have been taken and the well has been purged in accordance to Barr’s Calculation of Purge Volumes for Groundwater Sampling Wells SOP and allowed to stabilize, the technician can begin groundwater sampling.

Stabilization Test Measurements

Collection of stabilization test measurements shall begin at the same time as groundwater purging prior to sample collection is initiated. Well stabilization measurements will be collected and recorded at the start of the purging process and once every ten minutes during the purging process, with a minimum of one measurement collected per well volume removed. A well volume will be measured as the volume of water that occurs in each well from the base of the well to the water level measurement collected prior to initiation of purging. Once three well volumes have been removed, the well may be sampled after three consecutive measurements, collected at the intervals described above, are within the ranges presented below:

- Specific Conductance: $\pm 5\%$ of the most recent reading (temperature corrected)
- pH: $\pm 5\%$ of the most recent reading (in pH units)
- Temperature: $\pm 5\%$ of the most recent reading (in degrees Celsius)
- Oxidation Reduction Potential (Eh): $\pm 20\, \text{mV}$ of the most recent reading

Collect samples only after a minimum of three water-column volumes have been purged and stabilization of field water-quality parameters has been demonstrated by meeting the target criteria defined in the preceding paragraph. Field technician will check operator procedures, equipment functioning, and well construction information for potential problems. In particular, field staff will re-evaluate whether or not water is being withdrawn from the appropriate depth to effectively evacuate the well.
If all the checks produce no new insight, a decision might be made to collect samples after five or more water-column volumes have been purged even if field measurements have not stabilized. If the well was purged dry, it shall be allowed to recharge and the samples will be collected.

However, if either circumstance applies, the following procedure is required: Before authorizing the laboratory to analyze the samples, the meaningfulness and value of completing laboratory analysis of the sampling suite will be evaluated by reviewing the results of field measurements, well construction data, site hydrology, etc. Where such data is presented, it will be clearly documented that stabilization was not achieved; at a minimum, this fact will be reported on the field data sheets and in the Field Sampling Report.

III. Groundwater Sampling

1. Monitoring Wells (Permanent or Temporary)

   1.a Monitoring wells may either be installed permanently or temporarily. They are constructed for the collection of groundwater samples. These monitoring wells have a wide variety of diameters. Groundwater samples might also be collected out of a pit or a drilled hole.

   1. Put on sampling gloves to protect the sample and skin.

      **Note**: New sampling gloves are needed for each well. Never reuse old gloves.

   2. Prepare sampling containers by filling out the label with the following information:

      - Project number
      - Location sampled
      - Individual collecting the samples
      - Date and time of sample collection
      - Sample analysis (if required by the lab)

      **Note**: Use an inedible permanent pen to avoid ink bleeding.

   3. Sampling

      a. Sampling Technique Using a Polyethene Bailer (1) or Stainless Steel Bailer (2):

         1. Polyethylene bailer and Cord reel and rope— Tie the rope to the bailer and lower the bailer into the well with the cord reel.

         2. Remove foil from the bailer top (stainless steel).
3. Connect the rope to the bailer top.

4. Remove foil from the bailer body (stainless steel) and the check valve (Teflon).

5. Connect these two parts together, screw these pieces into the bailer top.

6. Slowly rotate the cord reel to lower the bailer into the top of the water column.

   **Note:** Make sure not to stir up the water with the bailer, thus volatizing the samples.

7. Keep the bailer in the top portion of the water column when collecting the sample.

8. When the bailer is filled, slowly rotate the cord reel to retrieve the bailer out of the well.

9. Collect samples by utilizing steps outlined in this SOP.

10. After all of the samples are collected, place the samples in a sampling cooler with ice.

11. Disassemble the sampling apparatus.

   **Step 1:** Cut rope several feet above bailer
   **Step 2:** Dismantle bailer assembly
   **Step 3:** Place bailer parts into a dirty bailer cooler (cooler is then sent to lab for decontamination of bailers)

12. After sampling is completed, clean sampling apparatus with alconox or equivalent and distilled water.

b. Sampling technique utilizing a peristaltic pump:

   Used in cases where water depth is less than approximately 25 feet.

   This pump is used when the water level is within suction lift, i.e., within about 25 feet of the ground surface. It usually is a low-volume suction pump with low pumping rates suitable for sampling shallow, small-diameter wells.

   1. Cut tubing to desired length.

   2. Connect tubing to pump head, leaving 1 to 2 feet for discharge line.

   3. Lower tubing into the well water (1 to 2 feet below surface).

   4. Turn on pump and set speed at the desired rate of flow.
2. Residential Sampling—potable water supply

2.a Residential sampling is sampling conducted on a potable water supply. It is very important that these samples are representative of that water supply. The sampling point must be located ahead of any filtering devices or water conditioners. The highest standard of sampling technique is required for residential well sampling.

1. Put on sampling gloves to prevent contamination of the samples.

2. Purge private wells before sampling (including taking pH, conductivity, and temperature).

Note: Rule of thumb—at least one well and storage tank volume should be removed. A 15-minute purging period is usually sufficient for residential wells.

3. Prepare sampling containers by filling out the label with the following information:
   - Project number
   - Location sampled
   - Individual collecting the samples
   - Date and time of sample collection
   - Sample analysis (if required by the lab)

4. Unscrew sampling container top (do not let the container or container top touch anything).

Note: If applicable, collect the volatile samples first, proceeding to the least volatile.

5. Collect sample from the purge tap.

6. After completing the collection of the samples, place samples in a cooler with ice.

7. Turn off the tap; clean up any mess made by sampling.

3. Residential Systems (water supply system)

3.a Residential systems is sampling done on a water supply system. It must be representative of the water quality of that system. Preferably, a sampling tap will be ahead of the storage tank and close to the well head. Sample collection from this tap in the system must be from a steady stream of water.

1. Select a tap that is free from exterior contamination (remove anything attached to the faucet).
- If bacterial samples are to be collected, flame the end of the tap with a lighter or match to sterilize the tap.

2. Put on sampling gloves to prevent contamination of the samples.

3. Turn on water tap; make sure the water is a steady stream out of the tap.

   **Note:** If water is not a steady stream, find a new tap. Also, make sure the tap is not leaking by the valve handle.

4. The water tap should be run steadily for two to three minutes or a sufficient time to permit clearing of the service line. Take pH, conductivity, and temperature.

5. Prepare sampling containers by filling out the label with the following information:
   - Project number
   - Location sampled
   - Individual collecting the samples
   - Date and time of sample collection
   - Sample analysis (if required by the lab)

6. Without changing water flow, the sample(s) can be collected.

   **Note:** Make sure there is no water splash up into the sampling container or cap. If applicable, collect the volatile samples first, proceeding to the least volatile.

7. Place sampling containers in the appropriate cooler with bagged ice.

8. Clean up any mess made by the sampling event.

3.b Collecting Field Samples

To ensure sample integrity, collect volatile samples first, then proceed to the least volatile method required for the site.

1. Volatiles and WI Gasoline range organics (WIGRO)– Samples to be analyzed for volatile organics will be collected in two or three 40-ml vials with Teflon®-lined septum caps. Use caution because concentrated acid may be present. Do not rinse glass vials. Hold bottle in one hand, the cap right side up in the other. Allow a slow stream of water to run into the 40-ml vial. The vial should be held at an angle while filling to prevent water from falling directly to the bottom of the container and becoming overly disturbed. While holding the vial vertically, add the water sample until a small meniscus forms on the top of the sample container. Avoid air bubbles and overfilling the vial. Cap tightly, invert the bottle, and tap gently. If any air bubbles appear in the vial, discard and collect sample in a new vial. These samples will be cooled to approximately 4°C. After collecting the required number of vials, insert them in a zip-lock plastic bag and place in a cooler with ice.
If prescribed by site-specific situations a duplicate volatile sample may be collected and field checked with a pH indicator strip to assess the pH of the sample. If the pH is greater than 2, the laboratory will be instructed to reduce the holding time of that day’s samples to the 7-day holding period used for unpreserved samples.

2. **Semivolatiles (includes: Pesticides, PCB, Herbicides, BNAs, Dioxin and Furans)** – Samples to be analyzed for semivolatile organics will be collected in a 1-liter amber glass jar with a Teflon-lined septum cap for each fraction. Fill container slowly with a minimum headspace and cap tightly. Do not rinse glass containers. Place container directly in a cooler with ice. These samples will be cooled to approximately 4°C.

   Note: For Dioxin and furan analysis, the bottles must be preserved with 80 mg. sodium thiosulfate if they are being collected from a chlorinated source.

3. **WI Diesel Range Organics (WIDRO)** – Samples to be analyzed for WIDRO are to be collected in a 1-liter amber glass jar with a Teflon-lined septum cap and preserved with 1:1 HCl to a pH or less than 2. Fill container slowly with a minimum of headspace and cap tightly. Do not rinse glass containers. Place container directly into a cooler with ice. These samples will be cooled to approximately 4°C.

4. **Other Organics** – Containers may contain acid, use caution when handling. Fill containers appropriately, minimizing headspace and avoiding spillage. Place container directly in a cooler with ice.

5. **Metals**

   - **Total Metals** – Samples to be analyzed for metals will be collected in a 500-mL or 1-liter polyethylene jar with a polyethylene-lined closure. These samples will be preserved in by the lab with a 1:1 (50%) solution of Nitric Acid to reduce the pH of the sample to less than 2.

   - **Filtered Metals** – Select the appropriate Corning filter size, either 250-ml or 500-ml volume (see Standard Operating Procedures for filtering groundwater samples). Pour filtered sample into metals sample container, minimizing headspace and avoiding spillage. Use caution handling metals containers because of nitric acid. Place directly in a cooler with ice.

6. **Phenolics** – Samples to be analyzed for phenol will be collected in a 1-liter glass jar. These samples will be preserved in the field with sulfuric acid to reduce the pH of the sample to less than 2 and cooled to approximately 4°C.

7. **Oil and Grease by hexane extraction** – Samples to be analyzed for Oil and Grease will be collected in a 1-liter glass jar with a Teflon-lined septum cap preserved to a pH or less than 2 with either 1:1 hydrochloric acid or 1:1 sulfuric acid. These samples will be cooled to approximately 4°C.
8. Cyanide – Groundwater samples to be analyzed for cyanide will be collected in a 1-liter polyethylene container with a polyethylene cap and preserved with sodium hydroxide to pH greater than 12 and cooled to approximately 4°C.

9. Collecting General Chemistry Samples – Samples to be analyzed for sulfate, chloride, carbonate, and bicarbonate will be collected in 1-liter plastic jars. These samples will be cooled to approximately 4°C.

10. Bacteria – Plastic bottles or glass containers preserved with 10 mg of sodium thiosulfate are used for bacterial sample collection. Care should be taken not to contaminate the container before collecting the sample. Fill the container within 1 inch of the top. This allows the laboratory to shake and mix the contents before analysis. Close and seal the Whirl Pak; grasp the wire ends and flip the pack in a circular motion several times and twist the wires together. Pack the containers carefully in a cooler with ice.

IV. Collecting Quality Control Samples

The effectiveness of the sample handling techniques is monitored by collecting both preserved and unpreserved field blank samples.

Field (or Masked) duplicate samples will be collected to measure relative sampling precision. Five percent of all samples collected are collected in duplicate. These samples are collected at the same time using the same procedures, equipment, and types of containers as the required samples. They are also preserved in the same manner and are either co-located or split and submitted for the same analyses as the required samples.

Trip blanks are only used when sampling for volatile organics. Their purpose is to determine if contamination has occurred as a result of improper sample container cleaning, contaminated blank source water, sample contamination during storage and transport due to exposure to volatile organics, or other environmental conditions during sampling and analysis. Trip blanks are prepared prior to the sampling events by the laboratory providing the sample containers. The water will be free of contaminants. The trip blanks are prepared by the lab, sealed and labeled appropriately at the lab, and transported to the field in the same containers as the sample vials. These blanks are not opened in the field. They are transferred to the coolers designated for volatile sample storage and transport and accompany the samples to the analytical laboratory.

Field blanks (or Rinsate Blanks) are used to evaluate the effects of onsite equipment contaminants. Their purpose is to determine if contamination has occurred as a result of improper equipment cleaning. Field blanks are prepared onsite by pouring analyte-free water through decontaminated sample collection equipment (bailer or pump) and collecting the rinsate in a sample container. The field blanks will be handled in the same manner as the sample group for which they are intended (i.e., blanks will be stored and transported with the sample group).

Some general considerations will be taken into account when planning and conducting sampling operations. The sampler will take into consideration the required sample volumes, sample holding times, sample handling, and special precautions for trace contaminant sampling.
The volume of the sample obtained should be sufficient to perform all required analyses with an additional amount collected to satisfy the needs for quality control, split samples, or repeat examinations. The Laboratory Coordinator should be consulted for any specific volume requirements. Multiple sample containers are always required for volatile organic compound (VOC) analyses.

The elapsed time between sample collection and initiation of each laboratory analysis will fall within a prescribed time frame. Holding times for samples required by this project are prescribed by EPA: Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

After collection, all samples should be handled as few times as possible. Technicians should use extreme care to ensure that samples are not contaminated. If samples are placed in a cooler, technicians should ensure that melted ice cannot cause sample containers to become submerged, as this may result in cross-contamination. Plastic bags, such as Ziplock® bags, should be used when small sample containers (e.g., VOC vials) are placed in coolers to prevent cross-contamination.

Some compounds can be detected in the parts per billion and/or parts per trillion range. Extreme care will be taken to prevent cross-contamination of these samples. A clean pair of new, disposable gloves will be worn for each sample location. Sample containers for source samples or samples suspected of containing high concentrations of contaminants are placed in separate plastic bags and coolers immediately after collecting, preserving and tagging. Sample collection activities will proceed progressively from the least contaminated area to the most contaminated area (when known).

Sample Storage

Place samples as soon as possible in a cooler containing bagged ice. Samples must be kept cold (4 ±2°C) at all times until delivery to the laboratory. Custody seals may be present, but at minimum, the coolers must be taped shut with three straps of fiberglass tape. Samples must be secure to prevent tampering with or loss of samples. If sample coolers are left in a vehicle or field office for temporary storage, the area will be locked and secured. The coolers must be delivered to the laboratory via hand or over night delivery courier in accordance with all Federal, State and Local shipping regulations.

Note: Samples may have to be stored indoors in winter to prevent freezing.

Disposal

All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

Documentation

The technician(s) will document the groundwater sampling events on field log data sheets, field log cover sheets, and field log data reports. They will also document the type and number of bottles on both the field log data sheet and chain-of-custody record. The analysis for each container and the laboratory used will be documented on the chain-of-custody record.
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Chain of Custody Form

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Common Parameter/Container - Preservation Key:
- Total Organics = CHC, CO, TPH, PAH, LTR
- Semivolatile Organics = PAH, PCB/Penta, Pentachlorobiphenyls, Perchloroethylenes
- Heavy Metals = Pb, Cd, Cr, Mo, Sb, Se, Zn, Cu, Cd
- Sulfates and Chlorides = SO4
- Chloroform and Toluene = CF, TOL

Figure 3

CHAIN OF CUSTODY
Attachment 2
Example - Sample label

Client ________________________________
Project Number: _______________________
Date: ______________ Time ______________
Preservative: __________________________
Sampled by: __________________________
Sample Location: _______________________

rjmM / TMSO
Attachment 3
Custody Seal – if applicable

Custody Seal

Date ________________ Project _______________________

Signature ______________________ Container# ________ of _________
Attachment 4
Field Sampling Report

FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

Date: 
Project: 
Contact: 
Barr Engineering Company 
4700 W. 77th Street 
Minneapolis, MN  55435-4803

Field Sampling

Field Report
Attachments: 

Laboratory Analysis Status

<Name inserts here>
Environmental Technician

Barr Engineering Company 
4700 W. 77th Street 
Minneapolis, MN 55435-4803 
612/632-2600
Attachment 5
Field Log Cover Sheet

FIELD LOG COVER SHEET
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*Measurements are referenced from top of riser pipe, unless otherwise indicated.
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Filtering of Groundwater and Surface Water Samples

Revision 1

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Standard Operating Procedures for the Filtering of Groundwater and Surface Water Samples

Purpose
To describe the filtering process for groundwater and surface water samples to remove silt, clay, and particles.

Applicability
These procedures apply to the filtering of groundwater and surface water for laboratory analysis.

Equipment
Ziploc Baggies
Cooler
Bagged Ice
Chain of Custody Form
Sample Label
Talc-free latex or vinyl gloves
0.45 micron pore size filter
0.60 micron pore size filter – required if prefiltering the sample
Peristaltic or vacuum Pump
Tubing
Bubble Wrap

References
Corning Disposable Sterile Filter Information Booklet.

Responsibilities
The environmental technicians are responsible for the filtering of groundwater and surface water samples. The Field Operations/QA Officer or the environmental technician(s) will order the sample containers prior to the sampling event. The environmental technician(s) is responsible for the proper collection of groundwater and surface water samples, sample identification, quality control procedures, and documentation.

Procedure

Vacuum Pump - Filtering Process

1. Collect groundwater or surface water sample in an unpreserved sample container (filtering must be done within 15 minutes of collection).

2. Pour groundwater or surface water sample into 200-ml or 500-ml Corning Disposable Sterile Filter, depending on volume needed.

3. The filters must be 0.45 micron pore size.
Note: Prefiltering may be needed if sample is too turbid. The prefilter will filter particles up to 0.60 micron pore size.

a. Add prefilter to filter by placing it over the filter membrane (extends the life of the filter).
b. Filter membrane must be covered completely by prefilter to work properly.
c. Prefilter must be placed rough side up to be effective.

4. Attach vacuum pump to filter; turn on power.

5. Filter groundwater or surface water sample until amount of sample needed is filtered.

Note: Additional filters may be needed to get enough sample volume.

6. After filtering is complete, pour contents into the appropriate sample container, dispose of filter. Depending upon groundwater conditions, additional filters may be required.

**In-line Peristaltic Pump - Filtering Process**

1. Attach 0.45 micron pore size filter to the end of purge tubing, ensuring direction of flow is correct. (filtering must be done within 15 minutes of collection).

2. Place appropriate sample container at the filter outlet

3. Turn on peristaltic pump until desired volume is achieved, then dispose of in-line filter. A new filter must be used for each sampling location. Depending upon groundwater conditions, additional filters may be required.

4. After filtering is complete, pour contents into the appropriate sample container, dispose of filter. Depending upon groundwater conditions, additional filters may be required.

**Quality Control Samples**

*Equipment Blank* An aliquot of reagent water that is subjected in the laboratory to all aspects of sample collection and analysis, including contact with all sampling devices and apparatus. The purpose of the equipment blank is to determine if the sampling devices and apparatus for sample collection have been adequately cleaned before they are shipped to the field site. An acceptable equipment blank must be achieved before the sampling devices and Apparatus are used for sample collection. One equipment blank must be collected per site or every 10 samples, whichever is more frequent.

*Field Blank* An aliquot of water that is placed in a sample container in the laboratory, shipped to the field, and treated as a sample in all respects, including contact with the sampling devices and exposure to sampling site conditions, filtration, storage and preservation, and all analytical procedures. The purpose of the field blank is to determine whether the field or sample transporting procedures and environments have contaminated the sample. One field blank must be collected per site or every 10 samples, whichever is more frequent.

*Field Duplicates (FD1 and FD2)* Two identical aliquots of a sample collected in separate sample bottles at the same time and placed under identical circumstance using a duel inlet sampler or by splitting a larger aliquot and treated exactly the same throughout filed and laboratory procedures. Analyses of FD1 and FD2 give a measure of the precision associated with sample collection,
preservation, and storage, as well as with laboratory procedures. One set of field duplicates must be collected per site or every 10 samples, whichever is more frequent.

Sample Storage

The samples will be bubble wrapped or bagged immediately after collection, stored in a sample cooler, packed on double bagged wet ice and accompanied with the proper chain of custody documentation. Custody seals may be present, but at minimum, the coolers must be taped shut with three straps of fiberglass tape. If sample coolers are left in a vehicle or field office for temporary storage, the area will be locked and secured. The coolers must be delivered to the laboratory via hand or over night delivery courier in accordance with all Federal, State and Local shipping regulations.

Documentation

The technician(s) will document the water sampling events on field log data sheets, field log cover sheets, and field log data reports. The technicians will document the number of filters and prefilters used for each sample filtered on the field log data sheet. They will also document the type and number of bottles on both the field log data sheet and chain-of-custody record. The analysis for each bottle and the laboratory used will be documented on the chain-of-custody record. The sampling request form will document which sampling containers are used for which water samples.

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Figure 3

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Attachment 3
Custody Seal – if applicable

Custody Seal

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FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

Date:
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Field Sampling

Field Report
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Laboratory Analysis Status

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Attachment 5
Field Log Cover Sheet

FIELD LOG COVER SHEET
WATER SAMPLING

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Technicians: Sampling Period:  

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Summary of Field Activities
Attachment 6  
Field Log Data Sheet

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Field Log Data Sheet

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*Measurements are referenced from top of riser pipe, unless otherwise indicated.

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

for Field Measurement of Water Temperature and pH
Using the YSI Model 60

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Standard Operating Procedures for Field Measurement of Water Temperature and pH Using the YSI Model 60

Purpose
The purpose is to describe the method by which temperature and pH measurements on water samples will be made and documented in the field.

Applicability
This procedure defines the proper technique for measuring water temperature and pH with the YSI Model 60 in depths up to 100 feet.

Equipment
YSI Model 60 pH Meter
Distilled or Deionized Water
Kim Wipes
4 pH Buffer Solution/KCL solution—necessary only when performing a three point calibration
7 pH Buffer Solution
10 pH Buffer Solution
Nitrile Gloves
Field Log Data Sheet
Meter Calibration Summary Form

References

Responsibilities
The environmental technicians are responsible for the proper operation, maintenance, and checking calibration of the YSI Model 60.

Discussion
The YSI Model 60 instrument requires a two point calibration, at pH 7 and 10, at the beginning of each day of sampling. A three point calibration is necessary (pH 4, 7 and 10) if it is suspected that the water you will be testing has a pH of 6.5 or lower. The instrument has a self-diagnostic routine it runs each time the instrument is turned on. For the best results, calibrate the instrument as close to sample temperature as possible.

Specifications

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Field Calibration

Calibrate the YSI Model 60 at the beginning of each day of water sample analysis.

1. Press the **ON/OFF** key.
2. Wait several seconds while the instrument completes its self-diagnostic test.
3. Verify the instrument is reading in °C.
4. Rinse the pH probe with distilled or deionized water and blot dry with a Kim Wipe.
5. Immerse the pH and temperature probes in the pH 7 solution making sure that both the pH and temperature sensors are immersed in solution.
6. Wait approximately 5 minutes until the pH and temperature readings to stabilize (i.e. pH doesn’t vary more than 0.01 for 2 minutes).
7. Enter the calibration menu by pressing the **UP ARROW** and **DOWN ARROW** keys simultaneously, the display should now read **CAL** at the bottom of the screen and **STAND** should be flashing and the main display will show 7.00.

   **Note:** The YSI Model 60 automatically adjusts the pH reading based upon the actual sample temperature at the time of the pH reading, therefore the pH values displayed during calibration will vary with temperature.

8. Press the **ENTER** key: the display will still show **CAL** at the bottom, **STAND** will stop flashing and the pH value is shown with the middle decimal flashing. When the reading stabilizes, the decimal will stop flashing, press and hold the **ENTER** key to save the calibration point. The YSI Model 60 will flash **SAVE** on the display along with the **OFS** to indicate that the offset value has been saved.

9. **SLOPE** will now appear on the display and will be flashing. This indicates that the slope is ready to be set using a second pH buffer solution (pH 10). Rinse the probe with distilled or deionized water and blot dry with a Kim Wipe.

10. Immerse the pH and temperature probes in the pH 10 buffer solution and wait approximately 5 minutes until the pH reading stabilize.

11. Press the **ENTER** key. The display should now show **CAL** at the bottom, **SLOPE** will stop flashing and the pH calibration value (automatically sensed by the instrument) is shown with the right decimal point flashing. When the reading has stabilized, the decimal point will stop flashing. Press and hold the **ENTER** key when the reading stabilizes to save the first slope. The display will flash **SAVE** along with **SLP** to indicate that the first slope value has been saved. **SLOPE** will start flashing again indicating that the slope is ready to be set using a third pH buffer solution (pH 4). The system is now calibrated at two points. If you are only performing a two point calibration, press the **MODE** key to return to normal operation. If a three point calibration is required, follow steps 11 through 13.

   **STOP HERE IF PERFORMING A TWO POINT CALIBRATION.**

12. If a three point calibration is required, fill a container with the pH 4 buffer solution and immerse the probe into the solution, making sure the temperature sensor is immersed.
12. Press the **ENTER** key: the display will still show **CAL** at the bottom, **SLOPE** will stop flashing and the pH calibration value is shown with the left decimal flashing. When the reading stabilizes, the decimal will stop flashing, press and hold the **ENTER** key to save the second **SLOPE**.

13. The Model 60 will flash **SAVE** on the display along with **SLP** to indicate that the second slope value has been saved. The system is now calibrated at three points and will return to normal operation.

**Testing the Calibration**

1. Rinse the probe with distilled or deionized water and blot dry with a Kim Wipe.
2. Re-immers the probe into the pH 7 buffer solution.
3. Wait for the pH reading to stabilize (not varying by more than 0.01 for 2 minutes)
4. Record the reading. If the difference between the expected and actual pH readings are ≤ 0.1 pH unit, you may begin analyzing water samples. If the difference exceeds 0.01 pH unit, recalibrate the instrument. If the instrument does not properly calibrate after 3 or 4 tries, contact the Field Equipment Technician and replace the instrument or send it in for servicing.
5. Rinse the probe with distilled or deionized water and blot dry with a Kim Wipe. You can now begin measuring the pH of water samples in the field.

**Field Measurements**

1. Place the probe in water, submerging it until the temperature sensor is under water. **Please ensure that the probe is NOT touching the bed of the river, or is in any sediment.** Also, please ensure that the meter itself is not submerged, and is above water level.
2. Shake gently to remove any trapped air bubbles and wait for the readings to stabilize (approximately 60 seconds or so).
3. The Model 60 has three modes: pH, which displays pH and temperature; Recall, which allows previously stored pH readings to be displayed; and Erase all, which erases all previously stored data. As we will be taking pH readings directly onto the field data sheet, there is no need to store data in the meter.
4. Take the pH readings, recording them directly onto the field log data sheet.
5. Rinse the probe with distilled or deionized water and blot dry with a Kim Wipe in between each water sample analysis.
6. Place the probe back in the upper right socket.
7. Press the **ON/OFF** key to turn the meter off.

**Quality Control Samples**

Replicate sample measurements should be taken a minimum of one per twenty project samples or a minimum of one per day. Method blanks must be one for every batch of samples analyzed.
Interferences

To ensure accurate pH measurements, make sure that both the pH and temperature sensors are submersed in the buffer solution or water sample and make sure that there are no air bubbles on the pH probe when taking pH readings.

Disposal

All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

Documentation

The field technician will document the YSI Model 60 calibration on the Meter Calibration Summary Form and record the water sample temperature and pH data on the Field Log Data Sheet.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Field Sampling Report
Attachment 2: Field Log Cover Sheet
Attachment 3: Field Log Data Sheet
Attachment 4: Meter Calibration Summary Form
FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

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Project:
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Field Sampling

Field Report
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Laboratory Analysis Status

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Environmental Technician

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### FIELD LOG COVER SHEET

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**Summary of Field Activities**

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| Static well level:* | |
| Water depth:* | |
| Well volume: (gal) | |
| Purge method: | |
| Sample method: | |

| Start time: | Odor: |
| Stop time: | Purge Appearance: |
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| Rate, gpm: | Comments: |
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Meter Calibration Summary Form

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METER CALIBRATION SUMMARY

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O51V = 10mV @ 25°C

O51mV = Display Value + [Display Temp. - 25°C] x (1.3 mV/°C)

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Maintenance and Operation of the YSI Model 556 MPS Water Quality Monitoring System

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Standard Operating Procedures for the
Maintenance and Operation of the YSI Model 556 MPS
Water Quality Monitoring System

Purpose
The purpose of this SOP is to clearly define the procedures required to accurately measure dissolved oxygen, conductivity, temperature, pH and oxidation reduction potential (ORP) in the field using the YSI Model 556 MPS water quality system.

Applicability
This procedure is applicable to field personnel who will be using the YSI Model 556 MPS to measure dissolved oxygen, conductivity, temperature, pH and ORP in the field.

Definitions

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<td>ORP</td>
<td>Oxidation Reduction Potential</td>
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<td>Multi-Probe System</td>
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Equipment
YSI Model 556 MPS
O-ring lubricant
Four alkaline “C” batteries
Mild soap
Water
ChemWipes
Screwdrivers
Conductivity standard
pH buffer solution (pH 7.00 and 10.00)
ORP solution (Zobel)
Zobel solution value chart
Moist sponge
Calibration cup
Field Log Data Sheet
References
YSI Model 556 MPS water quality system Operations Manual

Responsibilities
The environmental technician(s) is responsible for the proper sample identification; field screening procedures; field equipment and calibration; quality control procedures and documentation.

Instrument
The rugged and reliable YSI 556 MPS (Multi-Probe System) combines the versatility of an easy-to-use, easy-to-read hand-held unit. It features a waterproof, impact-resistant case and it simultaneously measures dissolved oxygen, conductivity, temperature, pH and ORP.

Maintenance/Installation

1. Instrument

The 556 requires occasional battery replacement and cleaning. Four alkaline “C” cells in the 556 provide 180 hours of operation. Battery life is displayed on the keypad. When the fuel gauge is low, it is time to change batteries.

   a. Loosen the four screws in the battery lid on the back of the instrument.
   b. Insert four “C” batteries in the clips following the polarity labels on the bottom of the battery compartment.
   c. Check the gasket for proper placement and place the lid.
   d. Do not over tighten the screws.
   e. Clean the display pad with a mild soap and water solution.
   f. Wipe the solution on and off.
   g. Follow with a clean water wipe.

2. The Probe Module

To prepare the probe module for calibration and operation, the sensors need to be installed into the connectors on the probe module bulkhead. Whenever you install, remove or replace a sensor, it is important that the probe module and all the sensors be dry. This will prevent water from entering the port.

   a. Unscrew and remove the probe sensor guard.
   b. Using the sensor installation tool, unscrew and remove the sensor port plugs.
   c. Locate the port with the connector that corresponds to the sensor that is to be installed.
   d. Apply a thin coat of o-ring lubricant to the o-rings on the connector-side of the sensor.
   e. Be sure that the probe module sensor port is free of moisture and insert the sensor into the correct port.
   f. Gently rotate the sensor until the two connectors align.
   g. With connectors aligned, screw down the sensor nut using the installation tool.
   h. Repeat these steps for all sensors.
3. Instrument/Cable Connection

   a. Line up the pins and guides on the cable with the holes and indentations on the cable connector at the bottom of the 556 instrument.
   b. Holding the cable firmly against the cable connector, turn the locking mechanism clockwise until it snaps into place.

Calibration

All of the sensors, except temperature, require daily calibration to assure high performance. This will show specific calibration procedures for all sensors that require calibration. Make sure that the sensors are completely submersed when calibration values are entered. For maximum accuracy, use a small amount of calibration solution to pre-rinse the probe module. Have room temperature water on hand to rinse the probes between calibration solutions. Make sure to dry the probe module between rinses and calibration solutions. Be sure that port plugs are installed in all ports where sensors are not installed.

To access the calibration screen:

   a. Press the on/off key to display the run screen.
   b. Press the escape key to display the main menu screen.
   c. Use the arrow keys to highlight the calibrate selection.
   d. Press the enter key and the calibration screen is displayed.

1. Conductivity Calibration

   a. Go to the calibrate screen as described above.
   b. Use the arrow key to highlight the conductivity selection.
   c. Press enter. The conductivity calibration screen is displayed.
   d. Select the specific conductance selection. Press enter.
   e. Place the correct volume of conductivity standard into a clean calibration cup.
   f. Carefully immerse the sensor end of the probe module into the solution. The sensor must be completely immersed past its vent hole.
   g. Gently move the probe up and down to remove any bubbles from the cell.
   h. Use the keypad to enter the calibration value of the standard you are using. Be sure to enter the value in ms/cm@25ºC.
   i. Press enter; the conductivity calibration screen is displayed. Allow at least one minute for temperature equilibration before proceeding. The current values for all enabled sensors will appear on the screen.
   j. Observe the reading under specific conductance. When the reading shows no significant change for 30 seconds, press enter. The screen will indicate that the calibration has been accepted and prompt you to press enter. This returns you to the conductivity calibrate selection screen.
   k. Press escape to return to the calibrate menu.
   l. Rinse the probe module and dry.

2. Dissolved Oxygen Calibration

[Note: The instrument must be on for at least 20 minutes to polarize the DO sensor before calibrating. Calibrating any one option (% or µg/L) automatically calibrates the other.]

   a. Go to the calibrate screen.
b. Use the arrow keys to highlight the dissolved oxygen selection. Press enter. The dissolved oxygen calibration screen is displayed.

c. Use the arrow keys to highlight the DO% selection. Press enter. The DO barometric pressure entry screen is displayed.

d. Place ⅛ inch of water in the bottom of the calibration cup and screw it on the probe module (only engage one or two threads to ensure the DO sensor is vented to the atmosphere).

e. Use the keypad to enter the current local barometric pressure. (If the unit has the optional barometer, no entry is required.)

f. Press enter and the DO% saturation calibrating screen is displayed. Allow 10 minutes for the air in the calibration cup to become water-saturated and for the temperature to equilibrate before proceeding.

g. Observe the reading under DO%. When the reading shows no significant change for 30 seconds, press enter. The screen will indicate that the calibration has been accepted and prompt you to press enter again. This will return you to the DO calibration screen.

h. Press escape to return to the calibrate menu.

i. Rinse the probe and dry.

Note: A moist sponge kept with the probe sensor guard to prevent the dissolved oxygen membrane from drying out.

3. pH Calibration

a. Go to the calibrate screen and select the pH selection.

b. Press enter, and the pH calibration screen is displayed.

c. Select the two-point option. Press enter. The pH entry screen is displayed.

d. Place the correct amount of pH buffer into a clean calibration cup. (Note: for maximum accuracy, the pH buffers you choose should be within the same pH range as the water you are sampling.)

e. Carefully immerse the sensor end of the probe module into the solution.

f. Gently rotate the probe up and down to remove any air bubbles.

g. Use the keypad to enter the calibration value of the buffer you are using. Press enter. The pH calibration screen is displayed.

h. Allow one minute for temperature equilibrium before proceeding. The current values of all enabled sensors will appear on the screen.

i. Observe the reading under pH. When the reading shows no significant change for 30 seconds, press enter. The screen will indicate the calibration has been accepted and prompt you to press enter again to continue.

j. Press enter. This returns you to the specified pH calibration screen.

k. Rinse the probe modules, calibration cup and sensors, and dry.

l. Repeat the above steps using the second pH buffer.

m. Press enter. This returns you to the pH calibration screen.

n. Press escape to return to the calibrate screen.

o. Rinse the probe and dry.

4. ORP Calibration

a. Go to the calibrate screen and use the arrows to highlight the ORP selection.

b. Press enter. The calibration screen is displayed.

c. Place the correct amount of a known ORP solution (Zobel) into a clean calibration cup. (Note: before proceeding, make sure the sensor is dry and, ideally, rinse it with ORP solution.)

d. Carefully immerse the sensor end of the probe up and down to remove any air bubbles.
e. Use the keypad to enter the correct value of the calibration solution you are using at the current temperature. Refer to the Zobel solution value chart.

f. Press enter. The ORP calibration screen is displayed.

g. Allow at least one minute for temperature equilibration before proceeding.

h. Observe the reading under ORP.

i. When the reading shows no significant change for 30 seconds, press enter. The screen will indicate that the calibration has been accepted and prompt you to press enter again to continue.

j. Rinse the probe and dry. The meter is now calibrated and ready for use.

If any calibrations fail, contact the Equipment Technician or manufacturer immediately or obtain a replacement instrument.

**Quality Control Samples**

Replicate sample measurements should be taken a minimum of one of twenty project samples per type of measurement. Method Blanks must be one for every batch of samples analyzed.

**Safety**

Please refer to the proper MSDS sheets or the Project Health and Safety Plan to determine the proper PPE required for use with the calibration solutions and reagents listed in this SOP prior to working with these chemicals.

**Interferences**

Rinse the probe sensor between instrument readings with water and dab dry to ensure accurate results.

**Disposal**

All waste generated by this process will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State and Local regulations. Where reasonably feasible, technological changes have been implemented to minimize the potential for environmental pollution.

**Documentation**

The field technician will document the YSI Model 556 MPS dissolved oxygen, conductivity, temperature, pH and ORP data on the Field Log Data Sheet.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1: Field Sampling Report
Attachment 2: Field Log Cover Sheet
Attachment 3: Field Log Data Sheet
Attachment 4: Meter Calibration Summary Form
FIELD SAMPLING REPORT

Date:
Project:
Contact: Barr Engineering Company
4700 W. 77th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55435-4803

Field Sampling

Field Report
Attachments:

Laboratory Analysis Status

<Name inserts here>
Environmental Technician

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Attachment 2
Field Log Cover Sheet

FIELD LOG COVER SHEET
WATER SAMPLING

Client:                                      Project No.:
Technician:                                 Sampling Period:

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<th>Temperature</th>
<th>Wind Speed</th>
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Summary of Field Activities

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Attachment 3
Field Log Data Sheet

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Field Log Data Sheet

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Sample collection by: C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Mn<sub>2</sub>, Fe(T)<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>

Others present:

WELL INSPECTION (answer for each category, state if lock not opened, detail any repairs needed on back of form)

CASEING & CAP: COLLAR | LOCK: | OTHER:

MN: groundwater monitoring well | WE: water supply well | SW: surface water | SE: sediment | other: |

VOC: semi-volatile | general | nutrient | cyanide | DRO | Sulfide |

oil, grease | bacteria | total metal | filtered metal | methane | filter |

Others:

*Measurements are referenced from top of riser pipe, unless otherwise indicated.

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# Attachment 4

## Meter Calibration Summary Form

**PROJECT**

**TECHNICIAN**

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**Conductivity**

- Date
- Solution Used
- Cell Result

**Cell Check**

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**Check**

- $231.4 - 10mV @ 35^\circ C$

\[231mV = \text{Display Value} + (\text{Display Temp.} - 25\,^\circ C) \times (1.3\,mV)\]

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

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