



# STATUS AND TREND QUALITY ASSURANCE/ QUALITY CONTROL

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# Quality Assurance and Quality Control For Status and Trend

## Presentation Topics

- Documentation - Sampling Manual Section 12.
- Field Collected Blanks - Sampling Manual Section 14.
- Field Audits - Sampling Manual Section 14.



Wakulla Springs



# DOCUMENTATION

- Provides a complete history of any data collected from project initiation to completion.
- Includes **all** associated activities.
- Documentation should support a complete and independent reconstruction of the sampling event.



Source: Pexels



# GENERAL DOCUMENTATION QA

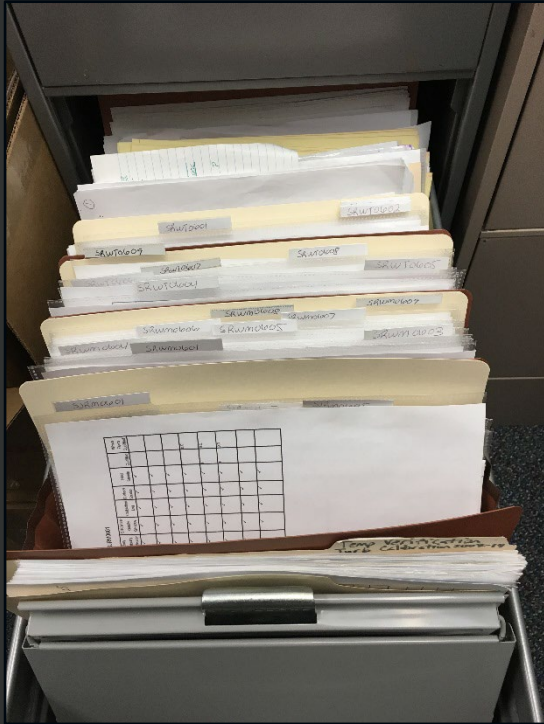
- Do not leave spaces blank!
- Corrections: single line with initials.

PARAMETER	VALUE	QUALIFIER(S)	RESULT COMMENT
Sample Collection Depth (m)	0.3		
Secchi Depth (m)	<del>0.6</del> 0.5 (SS)		
Total Depth (m)	5.7		
Temp (°C)	24.7		

- Use the “Comments” sections.  
**If in doubt, write it down!**



# DOCUMENTATION RETENTION



- Status and Trend “projects” are ongoing. All records must be kept indefinitely.
- Retain paper copies – scan and distribute as needed.

(Transfer information from paper field sheets to Survey123.)





# DOCUMENTATION RETENTION

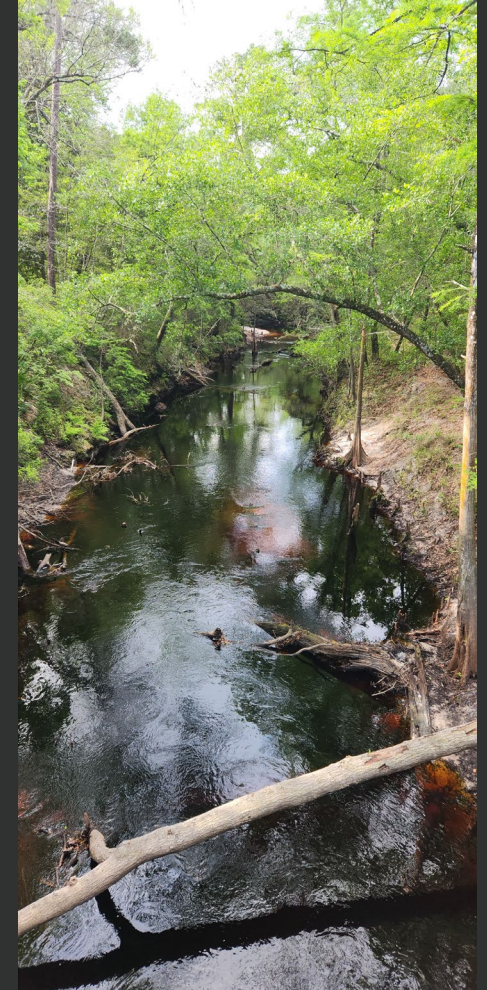
For electronic documents generated when submitting data to Survey123:

- Transfer Field Sheets and Custody Sheets from Sharepoint to a more permanent storage space.
- If edits/signatures were added, remember to transfer edited version of document.



# REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL STATUS & TREND PROJECTS

- QA Report
- Field Sheets
- Custody Sheets
- Calibration Log(s)
- Equipment Cleaning Log
- Equipment Maintenance Log
- Standards / Reagents Log



Sopchoppy River



# QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) REPORT

- **Purpose.**
  - Summarize QA activities for each project.
  - Report is used by Project Manager and Data Reviewers.
- **Requirements.**
  - Number of samples and blanks collected per project.
  - If samples collected  $\neq$  samples scheduled, indicate why.
  - Indicate if any audits were conducted.
  - Describe any problems/QA issues.
  - Coordination/assistance received (e.g., multiple ROCs collecting samples for a single project).





- QA Report Template.
- Figure 39 Sampling Manual, page 174.

### Quality Assurance Report for Status Network and Trend Network Projects

**Instructions:** Please include a completed report with each set of project paperwork sent to your Project Manager in the Watershed Monitoring Section (WMS). Multiple projects can be included in the same report if paperwork is being submitted at the same time (e.g. Surface Water and Ground Water Trend from the same month).

Name of Person Completing Report: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project	Number of Samples Scheduled	Number of Samples Collected*	Number of Field Blanks Collected	Number of Equipment Blanks Collected

\*If number of samples collected  $\neq$  number of samples scheduled, please explain:

Were any internal audits conducted by your team during these projects?    Y / N  
Were any external audits conducted by WMS or other entities during these projects?    Y / N  
If audits were conducted, list project(s) and date(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe any cross-sampling or other collaborative efforts that occurred during these projects:

Describe any quality assurance issues, corrective actions, or other notable circumstances that affect data collected for these projects (e.g. equipment malfunctions, calibration verification failures, deviations from established sampling procedures):



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Rock Springs / Kelly Park



Oct 2023 Groundwater  
Jan 2024 Surface Water

	<b>Field ID:</b> _____	<b>Project Name:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____
<b>Water Sampling Equipment:</b> <input type="radio"/> Direct Grab with Sample Container <input type="radio"/> Van Dorn: _____ # of Grabs; <input type="radio"/> Equipment ID: _____			
<b>Collection Method:</b> <input type="radio"/> Wading / <input type="radio"/> From Shore or Structure / <input type="radio"/> Canoe or Kayak / <input type="radio"/> Air Boat / <input type="radio"/> Boat - Gasoline Motor / <input type="radio"/> Boat - Electric Motor / <input type="radio"/> Other _____			
<b>Field Meter ID:</b> _____			
<b>Depth Measurement Device:</b> <input type="radio"/> Field Meter Listed Above / <input type="radio"/> Other _____			
<b>DATA COLLECTION DEPTHS:</b> Total depth - 0.1 m → no data collection.    Total depth 0.1m and - 0.6m → surf. meas. & sample at mid-depth.    Total depth 0.6 m & < 1.5 m → surface meas. & sample at 0.3m.    Total depth ≥ 1.5 m → surface meas. & sample at 0.3m, bottom meas. 0.5 m above bottom.			
<b>PRIMARY (SURFACE) SAMPLE      Collection Time (24 hr):</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ETZ / <input type="checkbox"/> CTZ			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if Secchi depth visible on bottom (S qualifier needed).			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if bottom measurements not collected because total depth < 1.5 m.			
<b>PARAMETER</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>QUALIFIER(S)</b>	<b>RESULT COMMENT</b>
D.O. (mg/L)			
D.O. (% SAT)			
Temp (°C)			
pH (SU)			
Sample Collection Depth (m)			
Secchi Depth (m)			
Total Depth (m)			
Sp. Cond. (umhos/cm)			
<b>BOTTOM SAMPLE (FIELD MEAS. ONLY)      Collection Time (24 hr):</b> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> ETZ / <input type="checkbox"/> CTZ			
<b>PARAMETER</b>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>QUALIFIER(S)</b>	<b>RESULT COMMENT</b>
D.O. (mg/L)			
D.O. (% SAT)			
Temp (°C)			
pH (SU)			
Sample Collection Depth (m)			
Sp. Cond. (umhos/cm)			
<b>SAMPLE COMMENTS:</b>			
<b>PRIMARY (SURFACE):</b>			
<b>BOTTOM:</b>			
<small>OFFICE USE ONLY</small>			
<b>Reviewed By:</b> _____		<b>Date:</b> _____	
WIN ID: _____	SBIO-Visit: _____	HA-ID: _____	RPS-ID: _____
		Macro-ID: _____	

	RQ-2020-_____	Collected By (Agency Code): _____	Lab Page: ____ of ____	
	Project Name: _____	Sampler Name: _____		
	Customer: <u>AMBIT</u>	Lab Project ID: <input type="radio"/> SW-TREND / <input type="radio"/> STATUS / <input type="radio"/> BM		
	Place QA/QC Blank ID Label Here			<b>Comments:</b>  Sulfuric Acid Lot #: _____  Nitric Acid Lot #: _____
Matrix: <input type="radio"/> W-Field-Blank / <input type="radio"/> W-Equipment-Blank <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grab				
Date Collected		Blank Collection Blank		
		<input type="checkbox"/> ITZ <input type="checkbox"/> CTZ		
<b>Check Boxes for Each Container Submitted to Lab</b>				
Parameter Suite	Lab Test Codes Trend Core	Lab Test Codes Status Core	Preservation (Must be completed within 15 min of sample collection)	
<b>Nutrients</b> (P-50MGL)	<input type="checkbox"/> W-NH3 <input type="checkbox"/> W-NH2OH / W-S-T-P <input type="checkbox"/> W-TN / W-TDC	<input type="checkbox"/> W-NH3 <input type="checkbox"/> W-NH2OH / W-S-T-P <input type="checkbox"/> W-TN / W-TDC	<input type="checkbox"/> 2ML H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> <input type="checkbox"/> pH < 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Ice	
<b>Metals</b> (P-50MGL)	<input type="checkbox"/> W-HARD / W-PCP <input type="checkbox"/> W-PCPMS	<input type="checkbox"/> W-HARD / W-PCP <input type="checkbox"/> W-PCPMS	<input type="checkbox"/> 2ML HNO <sub>3</sub> <input type="checkbox"/> pH < 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Ice	
<b>Anion / Phys. Aggregate</b> (P-11)	<input type="checkbox"/> ALKALINITY / W-BIOMT / W-C-AL / W-COLOR / W-CODSD / W-F / W-SOLIDS / W-TDS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALKALINITY / W-BIOMT / W-C-AL / W-COLOR / W-CODSD / W-F / W-SOLIDS / W-TDS	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice	
<b>Microbiology</b> (P-25MGL / P-25MGL)	<input type="checkbox"/> ECOLIS-18-QT	<input type="checkbox"/> ECOLIS-18-QT		
<b>Toxins</b> (P-25MGL, W-25MGL)	<input type="checkbox"/> W-MCYT-AA	<input type="checkbox"/> W-MCYT-AA	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice	
<b>Traceors</b> (BG-50MGL)		<input type="checkbox"/> W-43321-045	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice	
<b>Field Res.</b> (BG-11)		<input type="checkbox"/> W-PSSN-FQ	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice	
<b>Preserved Nutrient</b> (P-125MGL)		<input type="checkbox"/> W-PCO4-F	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Filtrate w/ syringe & 0.45 um PES filter	





# CUSTODY SHEET COVER PAGE

Use the most recent  
version  
October 2020.

Lab Page 1 of \_\_\_\_

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
Status & Trend Networks - Chain of Custody Form - October 2020 version

Date Shipped: \_\_\_\_\_ Collected By (Agency Code): \_\_\_\_\_  
Customer:   AMBIENT   Sampler Names: \_\_\_\_\_

(Place RQ Label Here)

Lab Project ID (circle one): STATUS / SW-TREND /  
GW-TREND / BMAP

# Coolers Shipped: \_\_\_\_\_

RQ - \_\_\_\_\_ Shipping Method (circle one): FedEx / UPS /  
Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Greyhound / Hand Delivered

**Instructions:**

- Print this form, affix labels to form and place documentation in zipper bag taped to inside lid of cooler.
- Please return the original of this form to the lab along with sample inventory portion of field sheet for each station & blank sampled.
- Affix labels below for all samples & blanks submitted under this RQ for this collection date.


Relinquished by (signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ETZ  
☐ CTZ

**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LABORATORY**

Received/ Inspected By (signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ



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Apalachicola National Forest



# Field Meter Calibration Log

## CALIBRATION AND VERIFICATION LOG (FDEP SOP FT 1000-FT 1500, FD 1000-FD 4000)

*Boldly "X" this box if there are qualified data on this page.*

Meter ID:  RQ:  Project:

- Notes:** (1) Always wait for meter to stabilize before recording any readings.  
(2) Report all digits displayed. Do not round before reporting measurements. (See special instructions for depth).  
(3) For Calibrations, record calibrated meter reading. Do not record initial meter reading before calibration.

### Temperature (Quarterly) FT 1400

Date of Last Temperature Verification:

DO DEP SOP FT 1500	Name	Date	Time CT-ET	Temp °C	Baro-meter mmHg	D.O. Chart mg/L	Meter D.O. mg/L	% DO	Probe Charge	Probe Gain	Pass / Fail	Lab / Field
Calibr.											P / F	L / F
ICV											P / F	L / F
CCV											P / F	L / F
CCV											P / F	L / F

DO Acceptance criteria from Table  $\pm 0.3$  mg/L.

**Rapid-Pulse Sensors:** DO Gain Range 0.7 to 1.4; DO Charge Range 25-75.

**Optical:** DO gain range 0.85 to 1.15 (Pro DSS 0.75 to 1.50); DO charge N/A. **Steady-state & Galvanic Sensors:** DO Gain & Charge N/A.

Spec. Cond. FT 1200	Name	Date	Time CT-ET	Lot #	Expir. Date	Standard $\mu$ hos/cm	Meter Reading $\mu$ hos/cm	Pass / Fail	Lab / Field
Calibr.								P / F	L / F
ICV								P / F	L / F
CCV								P / F	L / F
CCV								P / F	L / F

Conductivity Acceptance criteria  $\pm 5\%$

pH DEP SOP FT 1100	Name	Date	Time CT-ET	Lot #	Expir. Date	pH Buffer SU	Temp °C	Meter reading SU	mV	Pass / Fail	Lab / Field
Calibr.						7.				P / F	L / F
Calibr.						4.				P / F	L / F
Calibr.						10.				P / F	L / F
ICV										P / F	L / F
CCV										P / F	L / F
CCV										P / F	L / F

pH Acceptance criteria  $\pm 0.2$  SU; mV pH 7 Range 0  $\pm$  50; mV pH 4 Range  $\pm 180 \pm 50$ ; mV pH 10 Range  $-180 \pm 50$ ;

If mV are recorded: slope from 7 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_, slope from 4 to 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (both must be between 165 and 180 mV)

**Does meter have a depth sensor that will be used to measure total depth & sample depth?** YES / NO / NA (not surf. water project)

If YES, complete daily Calibr. & ICV below and list date of last quarterly depth verification:

If NO, what will be used? (circle one) **Secchi Disk Line / Sonar** Unique ID: ; Date of last verification:

Depth Sensor (Daily Calibration & ICV)	Name	Date	Time CT-ET	Calibrated Value (0.00 or Offset), meters	ICV Value, meters	Pass / Fail	Lab / Field
Pressure mode in air						P / F	L / F

Report two decimal places. Round numbers  $\leq 4$  down,  $\geq 5$  up. ICV acceptance criteria  $\pm 5\%$  or  $\pm 0.05$ m, whichever is greater.

**COMMENTS:**





# Turbidity Calibration Log

(only needed for groundwater projects)

## Turbidity Calibration Log (DEP SOPs FT1000 & FT1600) Regional Operations Centers

Meter ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Calibration: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Quarterly Calibration

Sampler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ (circle one)

Standard Value (Use Primary Formazin Standards)	Exp. Date	Lot #	Type of Information Displayed During Calibration? (circle one)	Value Displayed NTU	Calibration Pass / Fail (circle one)
NTU			Meter Reading / Next Value		P / F
NTU			Meter Reading / Next Value		P / F
NTU			Meter Reading / Next Value		P / F
NTU			Meter Reading / Next Value		P / F

### Initial Calibration Verification (ICV) (Only perform ICV immediately after quarterly calibr. Do not use < 0.1 NTU standard for ICV.)

Sampler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ (circle one)

Standard Value (Use A Primary Formazin Standard)	Exp. Date	Lot #	Meter Reading NTU	Pass / Fail (circle one)
NTU				P / F

### Secondary Gel Standard Quarterly Verification (perform gel standard verification immediately after quarterly calibr. and ICV)

Sampler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ (circle one)

Standard Value Range NTU	Previous Value Assigned NTU	Exp. Date	Lot #	Meter Reading NTU (new value assigned)	Acceptable Range, NTU (Calculate using new value assigned & acceptance criteria*)
0 – 10					
10 – 100					
100 - 1000					

### Daily Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV) (required every day that meter is used)

Date	Time (24hr) CT-ET	Sampler Name	Standard Type (circle one)	Standard Value NTU	Exp. Date	Lot #	Meter Reading NTU	Pass / Fail
			Formazin / Gel					P / F
			Formazin / Gel					P / F
			Formazin / Gel					P / F
			Formazin / Gel					P / F
			Formazin / Gel					P / F
			Formazin / Gel					P / F
			Formazin / Gel					P / F
			Formazin / Gel					P / F

Comments:

\*Acceptance Criteria: 0.1-10 NTU → ± 10 %; 11-40 NTU → ± 8 %; 41-100 NTU → ± 6.5 %; >100 NTU → ± 5 %;

Acceptable ranges for common standards: 20 NTU (18.4 - 21.6 NTU); 100 NTU (93.5 - 106.5 NTU); 800 NTU (760 - 840 NTU)

Form Effective October 1, 2017



# QUARTERLY TEMPERATURE VERIFICATION LOG



## Quarterly Temperature Verification Log - DEP Regional Operation Centers

DEP SOP FT 1400. Acceptance Criteria for Temp.  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Record all digits displayed for temperature readings. Do not round before reporting measurements.

CCV = Continuing Calibration Verification. Target temperature for cold CCV is 0 - 10 ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Target temperature for hot CCV is 30 - 40 ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

Time Zone (circle one): **ETZ** / CTZ

Field Meter ID	Field Meter Serial Number	NIST Reference Device ID	Activity Date	Cold CCV Time	Cold CCV Field Meter Temp ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Cold CCV NIST Temp ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Cold CCV Result (circle one)	Hot CCV Time	Hot CCV Field Meter Temp ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Hot CCV NIST Temp ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Hot CCV Result (circle one)	Activity Performed By (Staff Name)	Comments
							P / F				P / F		
							P / F				P / F		
							P / F				P / F		
							P / F				P / F		
							P / F				P / F		
							P / F				P / F		
							P / F				P / F		



# QUARTERLY DEPTH VERIFICATION LOG

## ONLY NEEDED FOR SURFACE WATER PROJECTS

### Depth Verification Regional Operation Centers

SOP - S&T Sampling Manual and ROC Training Manual.

Report two decimal places for electronic devices. Report one decimal place for manual devices.

Numbers  $\leq 4$ , are rounded down; numbers  $\geq 5$  are rounded up.

#### QUARTERLY VERIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES (SONDE, SONAR DEVICE, ETC.)

Meter / Device ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Verification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ Verification Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Person Performing Verification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference Device: Graduated Bucket / Metal Measuring Tape / Meter Stick / Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth measurements: Reference Device: \_\_\_\_\_ m ; Device Being Tested: \_\_\_\_\_ m  
Result: Pass / Fail (acceptance Criteria 10%)

#### 6 MONTH VERIFICATION OF MANUAL DEVICES (SECCHI DISK, WEIGHTED LINE, ETC.)

Secchi/Weighted Line ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Verification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ Verification Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Lab \_\_\_\_\_  
Person Performing Verification: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference Device: Metal Measuring Tape / Meter Stick / Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Incremental markings of 0.1 m checked: YES / NO Result: Pass / Fail (acceptable criteria 10%)  
Total length of line (up to anticipated depth encountered in field) checked: YES / NO  
Total Length: indicated by line markings \_\_\_\_\_ m ; measured by reference device \_\_\_\_\_ m  
Result: Pass / Fail (acceptable criteria of 5%) Markings redone: YES / NO





# EQUIPMENT CLEANING LOG

Equipment Cleaning Log  
Regional Operation Centers

Equipment	Unique ID	Date	Time (24 hr)	Location (Lab / Field)	Liquinox Wash (Y/N)	Luminox Wash (Y/N)	Tap Water Rinse (Y/N)	10% HCl Rinse (Y/N)	DI Water Rinse X3 (Y/N)	Other (Describe)	Sampler Name
Submersible pump	Diver	10/31/22	0430	Lab	Y	N	Y	N	Y		K. Collins
Van Dorn	#1	4/12/19	1320	Lab	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		R. Dragon

- For all equipment and supplies document all cleaning procedures.
  - If groundwater pump tubing is changed before each site, document on the cleaning log.
- Cleaning logs can be found here [Watershed Monitoring Information Center](#) under the Log Books section.
- Contracted sampling teams may use their own cleaning logs as long as all the information is recorded.



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- **Standards / Reagents Log**



Hammock Sink at Leon Sinks Geological Area



# EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE LOG

Equipment Maintenance Log Regional Operation Centers								
Equipment	Serial #	Unique ID #	Date	Time	Procedure	Reason	Comments	Sampler Name
YSI	06H1520 AA	Betty Boop	6/19/15	10:42	Replace DO membrane	Routine maintenance		Natalie Ayala
Ekman sediment dredge		1	3/3/16	10:43	Changed cables connecting jaws	Old cables failed		Thomas Wippick
Exo 3	19J105467	Sea Cow	1/25/23	11:52	Replaced Conductivity/Temp Probe	Replace broken probe		Victoria Schwartz

- Specific piece(s) of equipment.
- Name of person performing maintenance.

- Date.
- Procedure.

<https://floridadep.sharepoint.com/dear/wgap/Lists/Equipment%20Maintenance%20Log/AllItems.aspx>

(Figure 26 -  
Sampling Manual)





# STANDARDS LOG

Standard and Reagent Log  
Regional Operation Centers

Standard/ Reagent	Manufacturer	Quantity / Concentration / Grade	Lot #	Date of Receipt	Expiration Date	Date Opened & Sampler Name	Location	Date discarded or verification if used passed expiration date
pH Buffer	Exaxol	20L/pH 10	220608A	6/20/2022	12/23	12/1/2022 GS	SW ROC	Discarded 12/1/2023
Conductivity Standard	Fisher	20L /Conductivity 1000	212209B	7/10/2022	1/24			

- Manufacturer.
- Standard value.
- Lot number.
- Date received.
- Expiration date.
- Date opened/initials.

<https://floridadep.sharepoint.com/dear/wgap/Lists/Standard%20and%20Reagent%20Log/AllItems.aspx>

(Figure 25 - Sampling Manual)



# DOCUMENTATION QA

## DATA QUALIFIERS

- Add data qualifiers when necessary (per Chapter 62-160, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)).
  - Document on field sheets (Survey123).
  - Always indicate which parameter qualifiers are associated with.
  - Always add a comment describing why qualifier is needed. (Required per standard operating procedures (SOPs)).

(Sampling Manual - Table 7, p. 134)



# DOCUMENTATION QA

## DATA QUALIFIERS

Common data qualifiers added by samplers.

\* All Qualifiers need to have a comment.

**“S”** - Secchi disk visible on bottom.

**“J”** - Estimated value with detailed comment.

- Field meter verification failure or bracketing problem.
- Interference present that may reduce measurement accuracy.
- Deviation from standard field protocols.

**“O”** - Measurement scheduled but not performed.

**“?”** - Data are rejected and should not be used.



# FIELD BLANKS & EQUIPMENT BLANKS

- Help identify contamination in the sampling system.
- QA Officer tracks results.
- If analytes of interest are detected (value  $\geq$  MDL) in field collected blanks, associated data will be “G” qualified if the value in the blank is  $> 10\%$  of the value in the sample.





# FIELD BLANKS AND EQUIPMENT BLANKS

- Collected, preserved and submitted in same manner as an actual sample.
- Analyte-free (DI) water.
- Filled **on-site**.
- One Blank collected for every five samples (20% frequency).
- Collect blanks to be representative of the sample collection.



# FIELD BLANKS



- Required when **NO** equipment used.  
(SW direct grab samples and GW wells with in-place plumbing)
- Fill sample bottles directly from DI water carboy.
- Collected on-site, in the field!



# EQUIPMENT BLANKS

- Required if **any** equipment is used to collect samples.
- For each project, at least one equipment blank is required for each piece of equipment used.
- DI water from carboy is passed through equipment. Sample bottles filled with DI water from equipment.





# EQUIPMENT BLANKS

Two types:

**1. Pre-cleaned equipment blank.**

- Equipment cleaned in-house prior to sampling.
- Blank is collected prior to sampling.

**2. Field-cleaned equipment blank.**

- Equipment cleaned in field.
- Blank is collected after sampling at a site.

**BOTH are collected on-site in the field!**





# EQUIPMENT BLANKS

## **Document Blank Collection Information on Field Sheets (surface water and groundwater)**

- Sample type — Field Blank or Equipment Blank.
  - If Equipment Blank:
    - Field-cleaned or lab-cleaned.
    - Equipment ID.
- Blank collection time (must be different than sample collection time for water/sediments/invert samples).
- Person responsible for collecting blank.



# REMINDER FOR SHARED PROJECTS

- If multiple DEP ROCs or WMD field offices are collecting data for a single project, each office must collect at least one blank for that project.
  - Please coordinate blank collection when performing combined sampling events.



# DI SOURCE BLANKS



- Not a field collected blank.
- Scheduled as needed to help investigate detections in field blanks and equipment blanks.
- Collected at field lab/office, directly from DI source used to fill large carboys.
- Do not use any carboys or equipment.



# FIELD AUDITS

- WMS QA Officer conducts field audit for each sample collection agency at least once every 18 months.
- Audits are designed to promote consistency throughout the state.
- Managers or team leads are encouraged to conduct internal audits.






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# **FIELD AUDIT**

October 2017



Status and Trend Monitoring Networks  
 Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
 MS 4626 3560  
 200 Hillar Stone Road  
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400  
 Telephone (850) 215-8517

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**Sampling Agency:**  
 Field Personnel:  
 Auditor(s):  
 Audit Date:  
 Project Name:  
 Site:  
 Audit Type:  
 Copies of Audit Report to:  
**Overall Sampling Performance**

☐ A copy of the final report will be submitted to the sampling agency within 90 days. The sampling agency recognizes that they will submit a written acknowledgment addressing each corrective action that will be implemented (and how deficiencies will be prevented in the future) as a result of the deficiencies stated in the final audit report within 45 days of receipt.

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**SUMMARY**

[illegible]



# FIELD AUDITS

## **Audit Timeline:**

1. Auditor sends audit report within 90 days.
2. Sampling team completes “response” column in summary table within 45 days.
3. Auditor reviews response within 15 days.



# FIELD AUDITS

## Audit Summary Table – Example

Completed by Auditor				Completed by Field Staff	Completed by Auditor
Finding #	SOP Reference	Audit Finding	Required or Suggested Corrective Action	Response	Approved by Auditors
1	FD 4100 Sec. 2.3 & 2.5.	Date, time, and sampler name not documented for turbidity meter ICV on 1/5/2017.	Complete all sections of DEP ROC turbidity calibration log form for each calibration or verification event.	All sections of turbidity log will be filled out completely and correctly.	12/04/2017



The background of the slide is a photograph of a calm river or lake. In the foreground on the right, a large, ancient-looking tree with thick, gnarled roots stands prominently. The water is very still, acting as a perfect mirror for the surrounding greenery and the sky. The far bank is covered in a dense forest of trees with varying shades of green. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

**QUESTIONS?**





# THANK YOU

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