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**Subject: Field Methods— Release of Personal Computer Field Forms (PCFF) 6.1f patch**

This Note announces a patch (09/10/2010) for the Personal Computer Field Forms (PCFF) software. The primary purpose of the patch is to enable a utility in PCFF used to print Analytical Services Requests (ASRs) to display the 15 digit account numbers recently announced in OWQ Technical Memorandum 2010.06 and National Water Quality Laboratory Rapi-Note 10-021.

**IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING FIELD FORMS, ASRs AND ACCOUNT NUMBERS**

The field forms and ASRs processed in PCFF with this patch will be able to display a 15 digit account number. The Data Pump in PCFF, however, will transfer only the last 9 digits of the new account number, the maximum number of digits accepted in the current version of NWIS.

This patch includes the following fixes and enhancements:

- Some Lab Schedules and Lab Codes were not printing on the ASR. Up to 12 Lab Schedules and 14 Lab Codes will now print on the ASR.
- Microbiology parameters can be selected from “favorite” values
- Obsolete container types have been deleted and new container types have been added.
- Parameter codes have been added for cross section location and NWIS lot numbers for preservatives, pH buffers, conductance standards and titrants.

**The PCFF 6.1f update and the PCFF 6.1 software and can be obtained from <http://water.usgs.gov/usgs/owq/pcff.html>.**

Instructions for installing the PCFF 6.1f patch are attached and are available on the PCFF website.

Questions about the software and this update should be referred to Frank Crenshaw ([fccrensh@usgs.gov](mailto:fccrensh@usgs.gov)).

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