



**Office of Water Quality Water-Quality Information Note 2003.03**

**Subject: National Field Manual**--Field manual section on sampling for wastewater, pharmaceutical, and antibiotic compounds

A new section for Chapter A5 of the National Field Manual for the Collection of Water-Quality Data (NFM) on sampling for wastewater, pharmaceutical, and antibiotic compounds has been completed and has Director's Approval. A provisional version is attached below in pdf format.

Additional sections and updates to Chapter A5, (Processing of Water Samples), are scheduled for completion by September 2003; release of the new edition of Chapter A5 can be expected toward the end of calendar 2003 or beginning of 2004. Until that time, approved changes and new sections will be announced and made available first, internally, via WaQI Notes, and later on the Chapter 5 NFM web page (<http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/chapter5>) and on the NFM Comments and Errata site (<http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/mastererrata.html>).