



Office of Water Quality Water-Quality Information Note 2003.05

Subject: Field Methods— Revised field forms are available

The Surface-Water and Ground-Water Water-Quality Field Forms have been revised to include a field to record *Time Datum*, as required for NWIS version 4.3, along with a list of the codes in the reference section of the form, and to incorporate other changes requested by the field, such as fields to record mean sampling time, additional gage heights, and ice thickness on the SW form, hydrogen sulfide information on the GW form, and beginning water temperature for the alkalinity measurement and the Hach titrant cartridge correction factor on both forms. The pdf versions of the forms for printing are attached and are available from the Office of Water Quality internal web page at: <http://water.usgs.gov/usgs/owq/Forms.html>. The editable Microsoft Publisher files are available via ftp from [hqwiftp.er.usgs.gov](ftp://hqwiftp.er.usgs.gov) in the pub/owq directory [file names are SWform-04-2003.pub and GWfieldform-04-2003.pub]. The .pub files can only be opened in Microsoft Publisher, which is available in the Microsoft Office package that the USGS purchased.

Waterproof paper can be obtained from a number of sources including Ben Meadows Company (www.benmeadows.com) and Pro-Outdoors (www.pro-outdoors.com).

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