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Subject: Field Methods -- Corrections to the National Field Manual zip file dated July 2004

In working with the new zip-file system for maintaining an up-to-date version of all National Field Manual (NFM) chapters, some errors and glitches have surfaced that are now in the process of being examined and corrected or addressed to the degree possible. Please note:

(1) Since the release of the zip file earlier this week, section 5.6.1.C "Phenols" has been replaced with the correct 4/2004 version. Therefore, the version of Chapter 5 contained in the zip file that was posted before July 23 contains an incorrect version of the guidance on phenols. The correct pdf version is on the current zip file and on the web at http://water.usgs.gov/owg/FieldManual/chapter5/pdf/chap5.pdf.

(2) There are changes to other Field Manual chapters that appear on the Comments and Errata page of the Field Manual

(http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/mastererrata.html) that have not yet been incorporated into the posted pdf files.

(3) We are working on selected chapters to produce better pagination for a printed copy.