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Subject: Field Methods— Expiration dates for 1-liter bottles of pH buffer

It's been recently noted that the 1-liter bottles of Fisher Scientific brand pH buffer do not have expiration dates on them. The expiration dates for the lot numbers that are currently in the field are:

Buffer Solution, pH 4.00, Red	Part# SB101-1LI	Lot# 043718	Expiration Date: 08/06
Buffer Solution, pH 7.00, Yellow	Part# SB107-1LI	Lot# 043719	Expiration Date: 08/06
Buffer Solution, pH 10.00, Blue	Part# SB115-1LI	Lot# 043721	Expiration Date: 08/06

The National Field Supply Service (NFSS) will place expiration dates on all bottles shipped from now on and will ask the manufacturer to include expiration dates on future lots. If you need expiration dates for other lots of Fisher buffer, you may do one of three things: call Fisher Scientific at 1-800-766-7000 and ask a representative for the information; call Fisher's automated line at (201) 703-3165, where you will be prompted to key in the part number and lot number and your fax number and a Certificate of Analysis will be faxed to you; go to the website www.fishersci.com → under 'Product Search,' click on "more options" and then enter the part number and lot number under "Certificate of Analysis Search" and the appropriate Certificate of Analysis will be displayed. Unfortunately, only one of the three certificates shown for the above lots included an expiration date.

For additional assistance on NFSS supply issues, please send email to nfss@usgs.gov.

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