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Subject: Field Methods— Microbiology- source for pre-poured plates for that fit in aluminum-block field incubators

Thanks to the efforts of Becca Bushon (Ohio WSC) over the past few months, Becton, Dickinson and Company is now making custom 10x50 mm pre-poured plates for USGS use. These plates will fit in the blue Millipore aluminum-block field incubators and other older aluminum-block incubators that are still in use in most offices.

The plates are now available from **Microbiology International**. The catalog numbers and current prices for the various plates are listed in the table below. Note that the numbers for both the new 10x50 mm plates and the 10x60 mm plates that have been in use are included. The 10x60 mm plates will not fit in the aluminum-block incubators.

To place an order, contact:

Jennifer Epstein
Microbiology International
5108 Pegasus Court
Frederick, MD 21704
1-800-396-4276
www.800ezmicro.com

Media Type	Catalog Number	Quantity (size)	Price
MI	214986	20 plates (10x60mm)	\$ 60.00
	215164	30 plates (10x50mm)	\$ 92.40
mFC	292345	10 plates (10x60mm)	\$ 28.75
	215166	30 plates (10x50mm)	\$ 81.90
KF	215167	30 plates (10x50mm)	\$ 117.30
mTEC	215126	20 plates (10x60mm)	\$ 43.38
	215165	30 plates (10x50mm)	\$ 80.70
Modified mTEC	215044	20 plates (10x60mm)	\$ 66.67
	215168	30 plates (10x50mm)	\$ 90.00
mEI	215045	20 plates (10x60mm)	\$ 66.67
	215163	30 plates (10x50mm)	\$ 106.20

This information updates Office of Water Quality Technical Memorandum 2005.02 – “Field Methods—Guidance for microbiology monitoring and commercial sources for microbiology media” [<http://water.usgs.gov/admin/memo/QW/qw05.02.pdf>].

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