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**Subject:: National Field Manual – Publication of version 3.1 of Chapter A2,  
“Selection of Equipment for Water Sampling”**

This information note announces the publication of Chapter A2 of the *National Field Manual for the Collection of Water-Quality Data*, “Selection of Equipment for Water Sampling,” version 3.1, which replaces version 2.0 by S.L. Lane and others, dated 3/2003. The revised version of Chapter A2 can be accessed at

[http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/Chapter2/Ch2\\_contents.html](http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/Chapter2/Ch2_contents.html).

Chapter A2 of the *National Field Manual* has been updated to include, for example, information about the US DH-2 isokinetic depth-integrating sampler, the Teflon churn splitter, and use of filters and filtration systems. The section on filtration of organic compounds has been rewritten to incorporate information on equipment for collecting pesticide and pharmaceutical samples that will use the NWQL DAI LC-MS/MS (direct-aqueous injection liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry) analytical method.

This revision of Chapter A2 was initially released (April 28, 2014) as version 3.0. On April 30, 2014, however, version 3.0 was replaced by version 3.1, which corrected minor discrepancies with information in the NWQL’s National Field Supply Service (NFSS) catalog. The corrective action that resulted in the publication of version 3.1 is documented on the *Comments and Errata* page of the *National Field Manual* for Chapter A2 (<http://water.usgs.gov/owq/FieldManual/mastererrata.html>).

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