Drinking Water Sampling Instructions

Sampling for EDB/DBCP/TCP Analyses (504.1)

Freeze Gel Ice Upon Receipt of Sampling Kit

1. **Bottle Type**
   - Two 40-milliliter VOA vials containing sodium thiosulfate (a dechlorinating agent) per sample.
   - One 40-milliliter VOA vial, labeled trip blank. The trip blank serves as an indicator of volatile contribution that may occur during transport or storage. This vial must not be opened and must always travel with the samples.

2. **Sampling from a water tap**
   - Remove strainer or aerator so that no air bubbles will be trapped in the sample.
   - Let the sample source run at fast flow until the water temperature has stabilized (usually 3-5 minutes).

3. **Fill Bottles**
   - *DO NOT RINSE OUT OR OVERFILL THE BOTTLE.* Reduce water flow to a thin steady stream to minimize splashing and fill the sample bottle up to just overflowing, making sure the mouth of the bottle does not come in contact with anything other than sample water. Carefully cap the sample.

4. **Label the sample container**
   - Use waterproof ink
   - Record sample location
   - Record date and time of collection

5. **Complete Chain of Custody**
   - Specify the tests required.

6. Store samples at 4°C until transported to lab.

7. Ship samples overnight in a cooler with gel ice, maintaining an environment as close to 4°C as possible during transport. Samples should arrive at the lab within 48 hours of sampling, taking no more than 24 hours for transit time.

**Shipping Information**

Attn: Sample Management Office
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