

FILLING AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA's)
SM6251B

The lab **CAN NOT** accept samples that are collected or shipped improperly or if the specified temperature is not maintained during shipping. Failure to meet these requirements will result in re-sampling. **PLEASE** read the following instructions prior to sampling. If you have any questions, you may contact the lab at the above number.

- **NOTE: Do not rinse the sample containers. They have been pretreated with a dechlorinating agent added at the lab. DO NOT OVER FLOW THE SAMPLE CONTAINER DURING COLLECTION.**
- ◆ Collect sample at a point with least amount of aeration. No air bubbles should pass through the sample during collection.
- **NO** headspace in the collected sample
 - Follow approved sampling procedures.
- 1) When sampling from a water tap, open the tap and allow the system to flush approximately 5 minutes to allow for a representative sample.
- 2) Adjust flow to a steady narrow stream and collect samples from the flowing stream. Fill just until a water dome forms at the top. Do not rinse or overflow sample container.
- 3) When sampling from an open body of water, use a **clean** glass jar for sample collection. Fill the jar with sample from a representative area then fill the sample container until a water dome forms at the top. Do not rinse or overflow sample container.
- 4) Once the samples have been collected, seal the sample bottles and invert three or four times to dissolve the preservative.
- 5) Fill out container labels as required then **IMMEDIATELY** store samples on ice and away from direct or intense light. Samples **MUST** be received in the lab at $4^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}$.
 - ◆ Carefully pack all containers as to prevent breakage.
- 6) Complete the Chain of Custody as required and place it in the water tight zip lock bag.
- 7) Sample in duplicate as required.
- 8) Holding times are limited, return samples to the lab within 24 hours of sampling.