

Explanation of Terms Used in Chain-of-Custody Record

Sample ID:	The specific sample identification number, unique to each sample set.
Media:	The sample media (e.g. water, soil).
Sample Date:	The date that the sample was taken, including month, day, and year.
Sample Time:	The time the sample was taken.
# of Containers:	The number of containers for that particular sample set.
Analysis:	The type(s) of analysis required for that particular sample or sample set. NOTE: Confer with a laboratory representative to ensure that the analysis you are requesting is clearly understood and that the lab is capable of performing those analyses.
Quantification:	The type of testing to be performed. Select "Yes" for quantification analysis. Select "No" for only presence or absence analysis. Select "If Positive" for presence or absence with quantification of the host biomarkers that are positive.
Samples Delivered By:	The signature of the individual who is delivering the samples to the laboratory. Under most circumstances, this will be one of the individuals who performed the sampling.
Sampler Name:	The name of the individual(s) performing the sampling.
Sample Site:	The name of the site being sampled.
Witness:	The name of any witnesses to the sampling event, if so desired or required.
Tracking Code:	The resource tracking code for the project.
Samples Received By:	The name of the individual who receives the samples for the laboratory.
Received Date/Time:	The date and time the samples are delivered to the lab, including hour, month, day, and year.
Temperature:	The temperature of the samples upon arrival, in degrees Celsius.
Condition:	The condition of the samples upon arrival.
Signature:	The signature of the individual who receives the samples for the laboratory.

Recommended Quantities

Water Samples:

300ml to 500ml of water in leak proof bottles per sample.

Soil samples:

Send 5-10 grams of soil per sample in leak proof ziplock bags.

Contact us for other sample types.

Recommended packing instructions

- Wrap leak proof bottles with abundant paper towels and put them individually in ziplock bags.
- Ice packs should be packed with sample(s). The ice should also go into a ziplock bag.
- Wrap the ziplock bag with abundant paper towels and insert everything in another ziplock bag.
- Please make sure that the ice packs do not touch directly the samples (adding additional packing material will prevent this).
- As an added precaution, please put all your ziplock bags and packing material in two overlapping garbage bags.
- Wrap tightly the garbage bags and put everything in a sturdy cooler.