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1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

The purpose of this technical information (TI) document is receiving and inventorying of Teflon samples collected for the Chemical Speciation Network (CSN).

2. SUMMARY OF THE METHOD

A Laboratory Technician in AQRC will receive shipments of CSN samples and perform integrity checks. Information will be entered for each batch of samples into the CSN Data Management Site (CSN web app). Sample analysis queue files will be generated and reviewed prior to analyses. Samples are stored in cold storage, unless undergoing analysis. Following analysis of each batch a completeness check is performed.

3. DEFINITIONS

- **Analysis Request ID:** WOOD PLC assigns a batch number to each shipment of filters, e.g. A0000001. Other names include Batch ID, and ContractorBatchNumber.
- **Chain-of-custody (COC) form:** The form received with the samples including the itemized list, amount, sample type, ship date and name, as well as a field for receive date and name.
- **CSN Data Management Site:** User interface web application for the CSN database (*csn.aqrc.ucdavis.edu*).
- **Filter Analysis ID:** WOOD PLC assigns a barcode to each sample format F#####, e.g. F000002. Other names include Barcode ID, and ContractorFilterAnalysisId.
- **Inventory:** The list includes the number of samples received, type of filter (sample, lab blank, field blank etc.) as well as analysis order.
- **Laboratory Technician:** Authorized personnel responsible for processing of CSN samples; must receive prior approval from the Lab Manager. The lab tech shall have access to where the XRF instruments and refrigerators are located.
- **SampleId (Id):** The number assigned to the electronic record in CSN database.
- **Teflon filter ID#:** Manufacturer serial number stamped on the outer membrane of a filter, eg220812072. Also known as manufacturer ID or manufacturer code.
- **Wood:** Short for WOOD PLC, is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) subcontractor for sampling handling including deployment of filters, sample processing, and electronic record delivery and shipping samples to University of California, Davis (UCD).
- **XRF Application:** The program contains the parameters for measuring a sample by XRF; specific to each instrument.
- **XRF queue file:** A list of electronic records associated with a Batch of CSN samples to be analyzed by XRF. Each record includes the following information; Barcode ID, SampleId and XRF Application, e.g. F000002, 325, CSNv1.1_Nanna.

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4. HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNINGS

Not applicable.

5. CAUTIONS

Not applicable.

6. INTERFERENCES

Not applicable.

7. PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES, AND TRAINING

Only trained lab personnel designated by the Laboratory Manager may receive and inventory CSN samples.

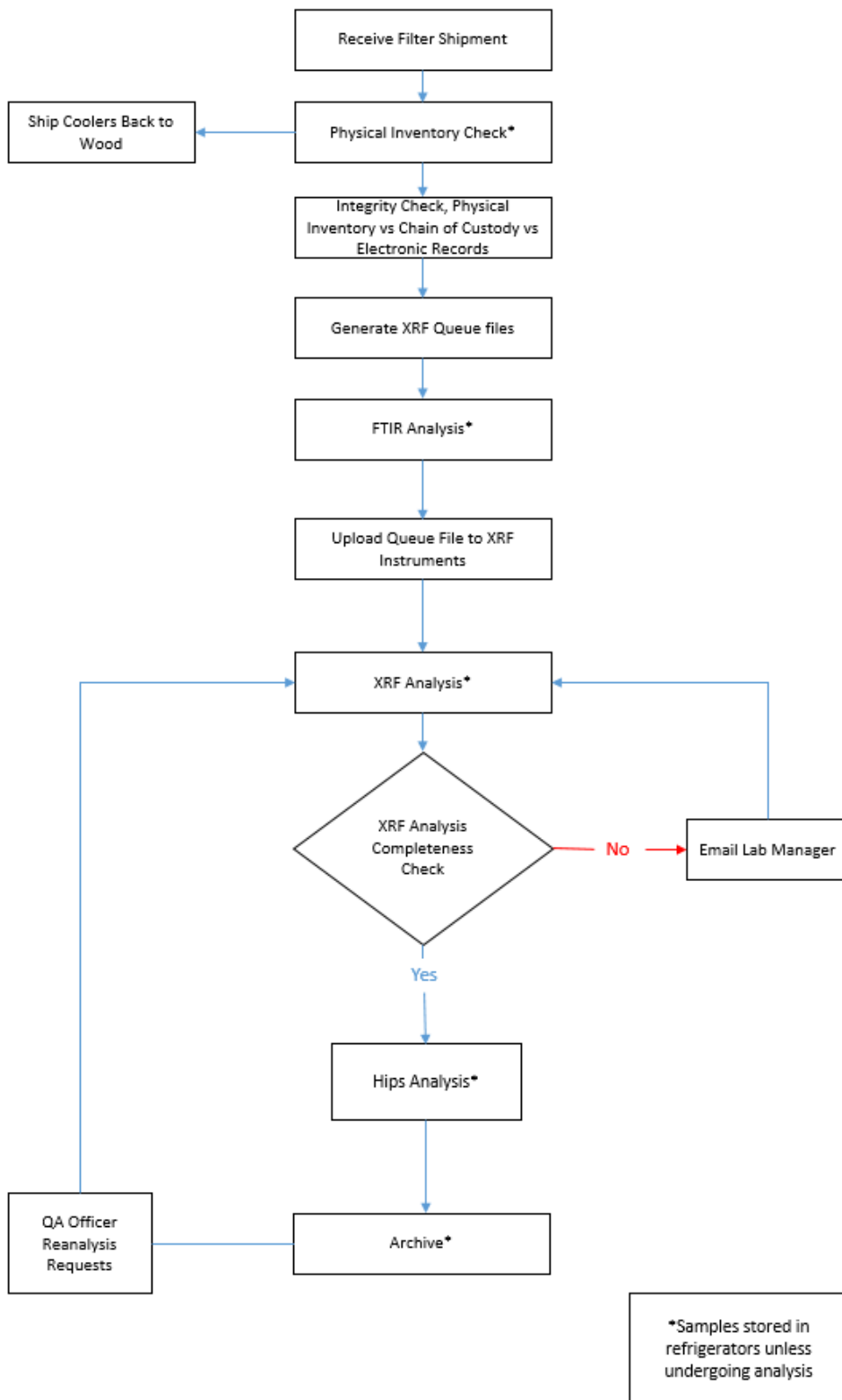
8. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Not applicable.

9. PROCEDURAL STEPS

The flowchart of sample receiving and inventorying shown in Figure 1.









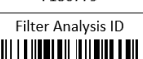
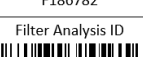
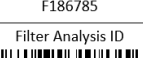
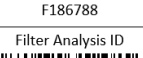
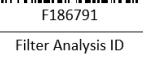
Figure 1. The flowchart of sample receiving to archiving.



9.1 Receiving of Inbound Sample Shipment

CSN samples are shipped in coolers from Wood to UC Davis with accompanied COC forms (Figure 2). Upon receipt, the laboratory technician will sign, and write down the date and time on the COC. The COC includes the following information for each sample: Filter Analysis ID (Barcode ID), intended sample date, analysis requested, Teflon filter ID#, set #, and status flag.

Figure 2. Example of chain of custody form.

Analysis Request ID	Intended Sample Date	1/1/2020	
	Set #	7Q	
00000063 — Batch ID			
Barcode/Filter Analysis ID	Filter Type	Analysis Requested	Invalid?
Filter Analysis ID  F185748	Teflon 220812082	XRF — Analysis type	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F185751 — Barcode ID	Teflon 220812083	XRF	Status flag — <input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F185754	Teflon 220812084 — Manufacturer serial number	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F185757	Teflon 220812085	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F185760	Teflon 220812086	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F186764	Teflon 220642149	GravXRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F186779	Teflon 220812495	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F186782	Teflon 220812496	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F186785	Teflon 220812498	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F186788	Teflon 220812499	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F186791	Teflon 220812500	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
Filter Analysis ID  F186794	Teflon 220812501	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.2 Receiving the Samples

CSN samples are received using the CSN Data Management Site (CSN web app). Best practice is to perform all the physical and electronic inventory checks prior to receiving the shipment in the CSN web app.

1. Navigate to the CSN web app, <https://csn.aqrc.ucdavis.edu/> and login.
2. Click on the “Batches” tab from the submenu.
3. Click on the “View record details” Icon for the batch being received, opening the Batch Details screen, figure 3.

Figure 3. Batch Details Screen.

Batch Details

Receive Box | Generate XRF Queue | Back to List

Received Box:

ContractorBatchNumber	A0000091
BoxReceivedDate	7/13/2022 10:36:00 AM
BoxTeflonCount	1223
BoxQuartzCount	1226
First IntendedUseDate	5/2/2022 12:00:00 AM
Last IntendedUseDate	5/29/2022 12:00:00 AM
BoxReceivedBy	jrsantia

Received Filter Data:

First SampleStartDate	5/2/2022 12:00:00 AM
Last SampleStartDate	5/29/2022 12:00:00 AM

Filter type	Valid	Invalid	Total
All	3577	131 (3 %)	3708 (Blanks: 442)
Teflon	1194	29 (2 %)	1223 (Blanks: 145)
Nylon	1192	31 (2 %)	1223 (Blanks: 145)
Quartz	1156	70 (5 %)	1226 (Blanks: 146)
25mm Teflon	35	1 (2 %)	36 (Blanks: 6)

Comments: =

Imports (6)

Type	Date	Added/Updated	Comments
Filter	7/13/2022	3692 / 0	FilterDataTransferFiles_A000... - Ingest of filter electronic records for Batch 91 (May 2022)
Filter	7/13/2022	15 / 0	LabBlanksDataTransfer_A00... - Ingest of Lab Blank filter electronic records for Batch 91 (May 2022)
NullCodes	7/13/2022	0 / 133	FilterDataNullFlags_A0000091 - Ingest of filter data null flags for Batch 91 (May 2022)
Flags	7/13/2022	1475 / 0	FilterDataValidFlags_A0000091 - Ingest of filter data valid flags for Batch 91 (May 2022)
Mass	7/13/2022	136 / 0	MassTransfer_A0000091 - Ingest of Mass records for those Teflon and 25mm Teflon filters receiving Gravimetric Analysis for Batch 91 (May 2022)
Filter	7/19/2022	0 / 12	FilterDataTransfer_Q120 and Q121 0526 and 0529 - revised file updating Filter Analysis IDs which were originally delivered ending in "b".

Sets (12) | IntendedUseDates (10) | Filters missing Barcodes (0)

4. Click on Receive Box, figure 4.

Figure 4. Receive Box.

Receive Box for Batch A0000092

BoxReceivedDate	08/10/2022 10:00 AM
BoxReceivedBy	jrsantia
BoxTeflonCount	1225
BoxQuartzCount	1223
BoxFirstSampleDate	06/01/2022 12:00 AM
BoxLastSampleDate	06/28/2022 12:00 AM
Comments	Quartz physical total is only 1223, there is one quartz filter listed as missing barcode.

5. The BoxReceivedDate will auto-populate, the time listed will need to be manually adjusted to the time recorded on the physical COC.
6. The BoxReceivedBy will auto-populate with your username.
7. For Teflon filters fill in the BoxQuartzCount field (Quartz count can be updated separately).
8. The BoxFirstSampleDate and BoxLastSampleDate will need to be filled in, this information is on the physical COC.
9. Add any additional comments needed in the comments box and click save.

9.3 Inventorying

The purpose of inventorying is to verify if the physical filter count, COC count and electronic records agree. During the inventory process a subset of samples are verified with information on the hardcopy of the COC. In addition to these checks, the BarcodeID and manufacturer number for each sample is verified by laboratory staff when loading samples into the XRF instruments. Following the completion of inventory, a summary including any discrepancies is emailed to the laboratory manager and QA officer.

Prior to the shipment arriving, barcode labels need to be generated for the Petri trays. The barcode labels are in the following format Batch# Tray#, Batch# is the Batch number and Tray# is the tray number. The file for generating barcode labels is located here: "U:\IMPROVE_Lab\CSN Labels\Inventory\Teflon_CSN Tray labels.xlsx". Update the batch number listed in the file, refresh the barcodes and print.

Figure 5. CSN Teflon Tray label.



Samples are organized in Petri trays by sampling month, each sampling month is assigned a Batch number by Wood. Petri trays are prepared for shipping by placing them in sealed plastic bags and into cardboard boxes. Each box can hold two Petri trays and each Petri trays holds 50 Petri slides. Each Petri slide is unique barcode sticker, which is also the Filter Analysis ID (e.g., F000002). Samples are placed in the Petri trays in the same order as the COC. The boxes of prepared filters are packed in coolers with ice packs and shipped overnight.

Coolers will arrive with either quartz or Teflon filters inside, occasionally a cooler will contain both filter types. The coolers containing Teflon filters will have a label with T followed by a set of numbers. The T refers to Teflon and the set of numbers refers to the numbered boxes in the cooler.

Notations are made on the physical COC during the inventory process using black and red pens. The tray number is written in red at the top of each page in the following format, T# (e.g. T1). If a page contains samples for two trays, write both tray numbers in the following format T#/T# (e.g. T1/T2). Use a red pen, to mark the COC with a small dash (-) before the first sample of each tray to designate the start of the tray. The tray number is also written in red pen next to this mark. Use a black pen to mark the COC with a small dash (-) after the 25th sample of each tray. If less than 50 samples are received in a Petri tray or plastic bag, continue with the same procedure by checking the first and last filters in the tray or bag.

1. Start by finding the cooler marked T 1-4, this cooler will contain Teflon boxes 1-4. Open the cooler and note if there is anything unusual about the contents, melted icepacks, damp boxes, damaged plastic bags, etc. Remove the sealed plastic bag containing the COC, if the COC is not in this cooler check all the coolers until it is located.
2. Write the date, time and your name on the COC in the designated box. This information is used when the shipment is received in the CSN web app.
3. Use a red pen to mark the top right corner of the first page of the COC with a T1, this indicates tray 1. A small red dash is also placed to the right side of the first filter listed on the COC and T1 is written here as well. This helps indicate where the tray starts on the COC.
4. Find the box marked 1 and remove the two Petri trays from inside. The Petri trays will not contain tray numbers to start. The only identifiers on the Petri trays are written set numbers and sampling dates. Some trays will have the same set number and sampling date written on them making it difficult to know which tray is first.
5. Use the COC to check the Barcode ID and manufacturer number of the filter in position 1 of the two trays. After locating the Barcode ID and manufacturer number of the first filter listed on the COC then place the filter back into position. Find the printed label with Batch # Tray 1 on it and place it on the Petri tray. The

label is placed on the tray with the filter barcodes facing away from you, this is to allow position 1 of the tray to be in the top left corner.

6. After verifying the filter in position 1 is correct, verify the filter in position 25 is correct. The COC does not list position numbers for the samples, each sample on the COC is counted starting with position 1 until 25 is reached. Remove the filter in position 25 from the Petri tray and verify the Barcode ID and manufacturer number matches the COC. Use a black pen and place a small dash on the right side of the COC between positions 25 and 26.
7. Next verify the Barcode ID and manufacturer number for the filter in position 26.
8. Count from position 26 on the COC until position 50, verify the Barcode ID and manufacturer for position 50 on the COC matches the filter in position 50 of the tray.
9. Set this tray aside and repeat steps 3-8 for the next tray.
10. Once both trays in a box have been checked, place the two trays back inside the plastic bag and seal the bag.
11. Place the sealed bag of filters in the designated refrigerator.
12. Repeat steps 3-11 for all remaining filters.
13. Count the number of Teflon filters physically received and write this information down.

Remember to keep the COC in order and to only open one box of filters at a time. If a discrepancy is found when verifying positions 1, 25, 26 or 50 start by recounting the COC. If the discrepancy is not resolved by recounting then each filter in the tray is verified with the COC. If filters are found out of order per the COC, detailed notes are made and will be reported with the integrity check. Filters are left in the order received until the laboratory manager and QA officer have been notified of the discrepancy. The QA officer will communicate with the lab on how to proceed. Typically, filters are moved to the physical location matching the COC and filter comments are added to the CSN web app detailing the discrepancy.

For samples received without COC documentation, leave the sample in the tray and position it was found. Draw an asterisk (*) on the COC between the two records where the filter is located. On the bottom of the COC draw an asterisk and write the Barcode ID and the comment, "Sample missing from COC, refer to appendix for further sample information." Initial and date the comment. Open the UCD COC file, located at U:\IMPROVE_Lab\CSN\COC_Teflon and enter the requested information in the worksheet UCD COC. The UC Davis Laboratory Chain of Custody Form will then be generated, see Figure 3. Print the form and place behind all the COCs for the specific batch. Save a copy of the form in the COC Teflon folder with the Batch number as the name of the file. An email is sent to the QA officer with filter information and they will

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add the filter to the database. The filter cannot be added to an electronic tray until it has been added to the database.

Figure 6. UC Davis Chain of Custody Form.


UC Davis Laboratory Chain of Custody Form
 Form to be used for samples received from Wood without a Chain of Custody Form

Received Name _____ Date/Time _____

Analysis Request ID _____



A00 000038

Barcode/ Filter Analysis ID	Filter Type/ Manufacturer ID	Analysis Requested/ Intended Sample Date	Invalid? / Set #
Filter Analysis ID  F99187190	Teflon 220812852	XRF 12/14/2019	Yes 1Q

9.4 Generate Teflon Inventory Trays

Electronic trays must be generated via the CSN web app upon receiving a shipment of filters. The hardcopy of the COC will be utilized to generate trays.

1. Login to the CSN web app at <https://csn.aqrc.ucdavis.edu/> and select “Inventory”
2. The inventory tab will default to Teflon and displays a list of “Filter Inventory Boxes”. The most recent box will be at the top of the list. Check the number of trays in the “Storage Trays” column, if less than 20, trays will be added to this box.

Figure 7. Teflon Inventory Boxes.

Home
Filters
Batches
Lab Blanks
Sites
Inventory
Archive
Special Studies

Filter Inventory Boxes

Teflon

Quartz

Add Box

Year	Box Number	BoxLabel	StorageTrays	Created	ArchivedDate	
2022	71	CSN Box 71	11	8/10/2022 12:39:23 PM		Details
2022	70	CSN Box 70	20	7/13/2022 1:09:14 PM		Details
2022	69	CSN Box 69	20	6/15/2022 1:35:49 PM		Details
2022	68	CSN Box 68	20	6/15/2022 10:40:53 AM		Details
2022	67	CSN Box 67	20	5/5/2022 1:54:30 PM		Details
2022	66	CSN Box 66	20	4/6/2022 12:27:45 PM		Details

3. Click on “Details” for the box to add a new tray.

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4. Click on “Add Tray” at the bottom of the screen and type in the Barcode ID for the first filter in the tray. If this is the first tray being generated for a batch, it will be the first filter listed on the COC, click select.
5. The first 50 filters will populate in the same order as the COC, verify the filter order matches the COC.
6. Type in the Tray Label in the following format, CSN Batch# Tray# and click create
7. Repeat these steps until all filters on the COC have been assigned to a tray.

Once an inventory box contains 20 trays a new box needs to be generated. From the Teflon Filter Inventory box screen, click on the “Add Box” option near the top of the screen. The Box number and Box Label fields need to be filled in. The box numbers are in numerical order, if the previous box is 54 then the new box is 55. Type in the box label is in the following format, CSN Box ## and click create.

Electronic trays can be edited if there is a discrepancy. This is done from the Inventory tab in the CSN web app, pay careful attention when selecting the filter type. Lab blanks and filters without barcodes may be randomly inserted in the electronic trays, these will need to be removed from the electronic trays and added to the appropriate tray and position. If the filter order of an electronic tray does not match the COC then the following steps are taken to edit the tray.

1. Start by verifying the filter listed in position 1 of the electronic tray matches the COC.
2. Continue verifying the electronic tray positions with the COC until the discrepancy is found. For this example, the filter in position 10 will be removed.

Figure 8. Electronic tray details screen.

Filters										
Position	FilterId	BarcodeId	Intended Use Date	Set	Batch	Type	Purpose	Null Code	Manufacturer #	
1	292433	F278447	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221402802	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
2	292910	F278467	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221402811	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
3	289440	F281871	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092128	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
4	289473	F281877	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA	AF	221092130	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
5	289524	F281883	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092132	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
6	289557	F281889	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092134	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
7	289619	F281897	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092136	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
8	289652	F281903	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400052	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
9	289685	F281907	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092138	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
10	289742	F281913	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092140	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove
11	289775	F281919	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092142	▲ Up ▼ Down Insert Above Remove

- Click the remove button for the filter listed in position 10, here is how the tray will look:

Figure 9. Electronic tray details screen with deleted row.

Filters

Position	FilterId	BarcodeId	Intended Use Date	Set	Batch	Type	Purpose	Null Code	Manufacturer #				
1	292433	F278447	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221402802	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
2	292910	F278467	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221402811	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
3	289440	F281871	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092128	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
4	289473	F281877	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA	AF	221092130	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
5	289524	F281883	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092132	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
6	289557	F281889	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092134	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
7	289619	F281897	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092136	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
8	289652	F281903	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400052	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
9	289685	F281907	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092138	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
10												Add filter	
11	289775	F281919	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092142	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
12	289832	F281925	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221092144	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove

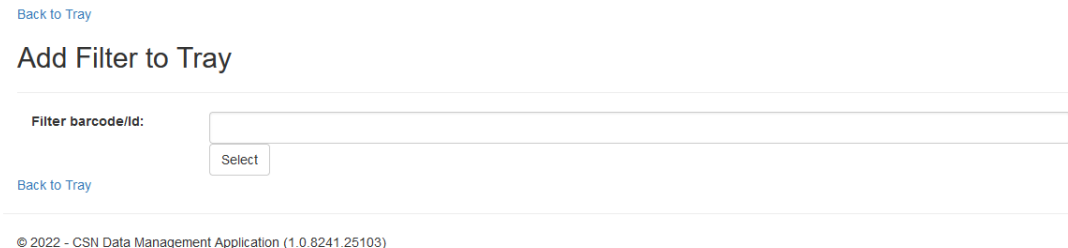
- The “Add Filter” button can be used to insert a different filter in position 10. Only use this option if a different filter needs to be added to this tray. Otherwise the up and down buttons are utilized to shift the inventory within the electronic tray. If the filters are shifted up in the tray this will leave a blank position at the end of the tray as seen below.

Figure 10. Electronic tray details screen with deleted row shifted to position 50.

40	292256	F286843	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400026	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
41	292289	F286849	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400028	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
42	292382	F286855	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400030	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
43	292466	F286865	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400032	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
44	292517	F286871	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400034	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
45	292586	F286877	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400036	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
46	292655	F286883	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400038	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
47	292706	F286889	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400040	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
48	292739	F286895	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400042	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
49	292772	F286901	3/3/2022	5Q	A0000089	Teflon	SA		221400044	▲ Up	▼ Down	Insert Above	Remove
50												Add filter	

5. Position 50 is blank in this tray and the Add filter button can be used to add the correct filter. Click “Add filter” to go to the add filter screen.

Figure 11. Add filter to tray.

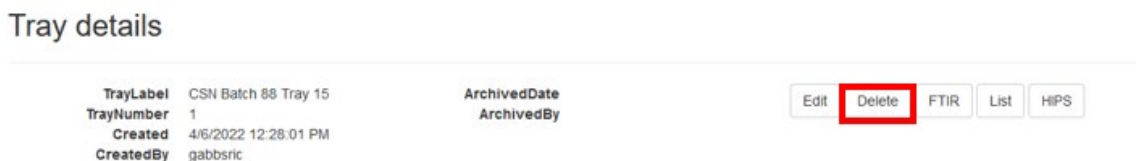


6. Type in the Barcode ID and hit select, position 50 will now be filled in with the Barcode ID that was just typed in.
7. If lab blanks appear in the wrong electronic tray they need to be removed by using the remove button. The filter purpose for lab blanks is listed on the electronic trays as LB, this is used to identify and remove blanks from the wrong location in a tray.
8. After removing lab blanks add them to the final electronic tray for the batch. Lab blanks are added after all routine samples have been assigned a tray and position. Use the add filter button to add them.
9. If a filter without barcode is listed in a tray, use the remove filter button. Any filters without barcode do not need to be added to a tray, these are filters the lab did not physically receive.

An electronic tray can be completely deleted and restarted if necessary. This is done from the Inventory tab in the CSN web app, pay careful attention when selecting the filter type. Entire trays usually only need to be deleted because more than 20 trays were added to an inventory box.

1. From the Inventory tab, click Teflon
2. Click details for the necessary box
3. Click details for the tray that needs to be deleted
4. Click the delete button to remove the entire tray

Figure 12. Trays details screen.



5. Once the tray has been deleted the web app will automatically redirect to the Box details page. The tray is ready to be regenerated if needed.

9.5 Delivering Filters to FT-IR

CSN filters are delivered to FT-IR following inventory (before XRF analysis). Prior to delivery to FT-IR, electronic trays need to be created to generate the necessary text files. Refer to section 9.4 of this document for detailed instructions on creating CSN Teflon trays.

1. Log-in to the CSN web app at <https://csn.aqrc.ucdavis.edu> and select Inventory.
2. The inventory tab will default to Teflon, if it does not then click Teflon.
3. Select the box containing trays that will be delivered to FT-IR by clicking on Details, in most cases this will be the box most recently created.
4. From the tray list find the first tray of the batch based on the tray label, format CSN Batch # Tray # (e.g. Batch 63 Tray 1), click details.
5. This opens a detailed filter inventory list, click FT-IR and save the file as a .txt to the following folder U:\FT-IR Tray Files from Lab\CSN. The file will auto-save with the following name CSN_SampleList_YYYY_Batch_##_Tray_###.txt
6. Repeat step 5 for all trays within a given CSN batch.
7. Open the txt files and print each document.
8. Fold and place the sheets inside the zippered plastic bags for each tray.
9. Trays are now ready for FT-IR to pick up and will be placed on shelves in the designated refrigerator. The XRF laboratory technician will log the trays available for FT-IR analysis on a log sheet attached to the refrigerator. FT-IR laboratory personnel will sign-out the trays on the provided log sheet. FT-IR laboratory personnel will place the trays back in the designated refrigerator and sign the trays back in once FT-IR analysis is complete. The XRF laboratory technician will sign for any trays removed from the refrigerator following FT-IR analysis. Trays are then moved to the designated refrigerator in the XRF laboratory. Log sheets are available here "U:\IMPROVE_Lab\CSN\Inventory\CSN Batch sign in_out sheet.xlsx".

9.6 XRF Queue File Generation

XRF queue files are generated per batch and include the BarcodeId, SampleId, and Application information. The sample changer software uses the data within the queue file to link the Filter Analysis Barcode with the Sample identity and the application. The queue file includes all samples regardless of status and may include lab blanks.

To generate the XRF queue file, access the CSN Data Management Site and select *Batches* from the top menu. Select *View Record Details* next to the batch number and select *Generate XRF Queue*. Choose the XRF instrument from the analyzer dropdown and the

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application field will auto-populate. Leave the “Include Lab Blanks” and “Include Invalid Filters” boxes checked and click “Go”. Save the queue file to *U:\IMPROVE_Lab\XRF_Epsilon_5\CSN\Queue files\Year\Instrument name*. Change the file name to *E5_queue_batch#_instrument name*.

For additional information regarding uploading queue files to the Epsilon 5 instruments, refer to *UCD CSN TI #302C: Sample Changes for 8-Position Trays*.

9.7 Laboratory Blanks

Wood provides 5 lab blanks with every CSN batch, these filters are typically placed in the last Teflon tray of the shipment. The blanks will be listed on a separate COC form and the Barcode IDs and manufacturer numbers are verified. Lab blanks are handled in the same manner as samples during the inventory process.

9.8 Shipment Integrity Check

Report Integrity check information (Table 1) and discrepancies to the Laboratory Manager and QA officer via email. The “Filter Count” field is the number of samples received within a Batch. The “COC” field refers to the number of samples included in the COC forms. The “Electronic Records” field refers to the number of records in the database for the specific Batch. To view the number of electronic records, log into the CSN Data Management Site and go to Batches, select the corresponding batch number from the list and click the “view record details” icon. On the Batch Details page locate filter type and check the total listed for Teflon, this is the number of electronic records per filter type for the batch.

The Batch Details page is also used to check for filters without barcodes. Scroll down to the “Filters missing barcodes” list and check for any listed Teflon filters. This number will be subtracted from the total listed for Teflon filters.

Information from the integrity checks are saved in an excel file locate here;
U:\IMPROVE_Lab\CSN\Inventory

1. Go to the *U:\IMPROVE_Lab\CSN\Inventory* folder and open the inventory receiving template, "*U:\IMPROVE_Lab\CSN\Inventory\Inventory receiving template.xlsx*"
2. Click save as and rename the template with as *Batch ##*.
3. The template has designated fields for Teflon and quartz filters, fill out the requested information for Teflon filters, save and close the file.

After information is entered in the inventory file for both filter types, an email is sent to the QA officer and Lab manager. The table for each filter type from the inventory file is included in the email, see Table 1.

Table 1. Teflon integrity check.

Teflon – CSN Batch ##			
	COC	Physical Count	Electronic Records
47 mm filters	1220	1220	NA
25 mm filters	NA	NA	NA
Lab Blanks	5	5	5

9.9 XRF Analysis Inventory Verification

Sample information is verified at XRF stations upon loading by scanning directly into the sample changer software for the Epsilon 5 instruments. The laboratory technician will verify individual sample receipt by comparing the Barcode ID and manufacturer number with the COC. Record the instrument name, tray and position number for the first and last samples in the XRF tray (Figure 13).

Figure 13. COC with XRF assigned Instrument Name, Tray and Position number.

CSN Laboratory Chain of Custody Form

Ship Date and Name: 3/3/2020 Knoll
 Receive Date and Name: 3/4/2020 @ ID: 904B
 Analysis Request ID: [Barcode] Intended Sample Date: 1/1/2020 Set #: 7Q
 Barcode/Filter Analysis ID: 41000063

Filter Analysis ID	Filter Type	Analysis Requested	Invalid?
F185715	Teflon	XRF First Sample: Instrument name, tray and position	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>TI</i> Name → AI
F185718	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185721	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185724	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185727	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185730	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185733	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185736	Teflon	XRF Last Sample: Instrument name, tray and position	<input type="checkbox"/> Name → (PS)
F185739	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185742	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>
F185745	Teflon	XRF	<input type="checkbox"/>

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9.10 Storage

CSN samples are stored below 4 °C. Refrigerators are available for CSN sample storage in the laboratory. Archive samples for long-term storage after XRF analysis. Refer to *UCD CSN SOP #901: Long-Term Archiving of Filters*.

9.11 Cooler Return

The laboratory technician will prepare and ship the ice packs/coolers back to Wood, using the provided UPS return labels. If labels are not provided, contact Wood for shipping account information.

9.12 XRF Analysis Completeness

Batch completeness is performed when XRF analysis of a batch is completed. This includes verifying all filters have a valid analysis and duplicates are reconciled.

9.12.1 Verify All Filters Have Been Analyzed

1. Go to the CSN status page; <https://shiny.aqrc.ucdavis.edu/csnStatus/>
2. From the menu on the left side select Analysis Completeness.
3. From the year dropdown select the year for the batch being completed.
4. From the month dropdown select the month for the batch being completed. The page will update automatically.
5. Go to the “Filters Not Analyzed by XRF” section, should be listed at the top of the page.
6. If there are “0 out 0 entries” listed this indicates all Teflon filters from this batch were analyzed.
7. If there are any Teflon filters listed here copy the Barcodes IDs and use the CSN web app to look up the filter information. If a filter has an assigned tray and tray position listed in the CSN web app, go physically locate the filter. If the filter is found in the correct tray and tray position and the barcode label is turned toward the right side, this is an indication the filter may not have been analyzed at XRF. If the barcode label is turned toward the left, this is an indication the filter may have been analyzed at XRF.
8. Locate the hardcopy of the COC and find the filter in question. Does the filter have an instrument name, tray and position number notated? If not, this is an indication the filter was not analyzed at XRF. If there is an instrument name and loading location notated, go to this instrument and check the results folder.
9. When reviewing an XRF instruments results folder look for the filter listed before and after the filter with a missing analysis per the COC. If the missing analysis filter is not listed between the results for these two filters, the filter was most likely not analyzed at XRF.

10. Check the local transmission folder for the instrument locate here, C:\PANalytical\Epsilon5\Userdata\Transmission. If this folder is an empty then nothing further is needed. If there is a .txt file listed here, open the file and compare the Barcode ID listed in the file to the filter missing analysis. If this file belongs to the filter missing analysis, then copy the file and paste into the relevant instrument XRF transmission folder located here, U:\XRF Transmission. Pay careful attention when pasting the file, if it is placed in the wrong instruments folder it will not transmit correctly.
11. If a result file is not found on any of the instruments for the filter with missing analysis, work with the lab lead to determine if the filter should be loaded for XRF analysis.
12. If a filter does not have an assigned tray and tray position in the web app, check for any comments listed by the CSN sample handling lab to determine if the filter was shipped to our location. Comments from the CSN sample handling lab are visible in the web app and the CSN status page. The filter may not have been returned from the field to the sample handling lab for various reasons. The filter will still be listed on the “Filters Not Analyzed by XRF” list but should have a comment referencing the filter issue and if it was not shipped.

9.12.2 Check for Duplicate Analyses

1. Go to the CSN web app, <https://csn.aqrc.ucdavis.edu/>
2. Click on Analyses, then XRF
3. The XRF Sample Analysis screen allows various filtering options, seen below:

Figure 14. XRF sample analysis filtering.

The screenshot shows the 'XRF Sample Analysis' web application interface. It features a search and filter bar with the following elements: 'Start Date' and 'End Date' input fields with calendar icons; 'Analyzer' dropdown menu set to 'All'; 'SampleIdent' input field with a search icon; 'Batch' dropdown menu set to 'All'; 'QcCode' dropdown menu set to 'All'; 'QcSampleType' dropdown menu set to 'All'; a 'HasMultipleAnalyses' checkbox which is currently unchecked; and 'Go' and 'Clear' buttons.

4. From the Batch dropdown select the batch being completed and click go, this will only show results for the selected batch.
5. Check the “Has Multiple Analyses” box, this will filter the selected batch and show any results with more than 1 analysis per filter. This will return filters analyzed as planned replicates and any filters reanalyzed.
6. For each replicate filter under the “Has multiple analyses” list verify there is a replicate (QC code 6) and a valid analysis (QC code 1).
7. Replicates for XRF analysis should only occur over the weekend, verify the dates for any replicate results. Replicate results occurring Friday

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evening through Monday morning are expected. Work with the lab lead to investigate any replicate results outside of this window.

8. For each reanalyzed filter under the “Has multiple analyses” list verify there is a reanalyzed (QC code 2) and a valid analysis (QC code 1). Reanalyzed filters should also have a comment entered explaining why the filter was reanalyzed.
9. Any filter listed with multiple analyses and the same QC code, need to be investigated. For example, if a filter has two analysis results listed as QC code 6 and no analysis results listed as QC code 1, work with the lab lead to determine which result should be listed as QC code 1. All filters need to have 1 valid analysis result (QC code 1). Similarly, if a filter has two results listed as valid (QC code 1) work with the lab lead to determine which result needs to be changed to a different QC code, filters can only have 1 valid result (QC code 1).

A summary is emailed to the lab manager and spectroscopist verifying all filters have a valid analysis and duplicates are reconciled. Fill out the Batch Completeness template located here U:\IMPROVE_Lab\XRF_Epsilon5\CSN\Batch Completeness. Save as the current batch and email the completed file to the lab manager and spectroscopist for review. Additionally, include any outstanding filter analysis issues that cannot be resolved in the batch completeness email. The lab manager or spectroscopist will approve the completed file and then another email is sent to the CSN QA officer releasing the batch for validation.

10. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

Not applicable.

11. REFERENCES

Not applicable.