

PRESERVATION

- Preservative is acid – avoid skin & eye contact
- Don't rinse containers that are pre-preserved
- Don't substitute containers without verifying with the lab
- Keep containers cool
 - Place in cooler or refrigerator ASAP
 - Don't leave sitting in the sun
 - Don't freeze. Vials can break & chemistry may be compromised. NO DRY ICE.



Assuring SAMPLE INTEGRITY

- Trip blanks are provided to detect contamination problems
- Fill VOC vials completely
NO HEAD SPACE
- When collecting samples for metals analysis, avoid using metal implements
- Clean sampling implements thoroughly to avoid cross-contamination
- Organics – if suspect diesel or gasoline contamination, keep these samples separate from others
- Double bag ice to avoid ice melt contaminating samples



TRIP BLANKS

- Purpose – detect contamination during shipment and handling
- Prepared by DLS using deionized water and acid
- Shipped w/ samples
- **Don't open** in field

