Keep Your Sample Sets Sorted – We’ve recently noted an increased occurrence of travel blanks being submitted with the wrong sample. This occurs most often when one site operator deploys a sample, and another operator removes the sample. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we recommend that you take both sample boxes with you when you change the sample: Take the previous set, containing only the travel blank from the previous set, and the new set, containing the new sampler and its travel blank.

Sample sets are numbered sequentially with a preparation number (example: P110513). The new set of samples should always have the larger P-number.

The P-number on the lip of the box should match the P-number on the field form and on the sampler bag. See the picture at left for an example.

You should only have two sampler boxes at any one time: The previous set, and the new set. The CAL will ship you new sampler sets automatically the week before they are to be deployed.

Check Condition of your Sampler Housing – Please periodically check the condition of your sampler housing. We’ve had reports that some housings are cracking around the supporting bolts, allowing rain to leak onto the samplers. If you note that your field housing is cracked or that rain is leaking in, please let me know so that a replacement housing can be sent to you.

Reminder: Sample Change Dates – This is the Tuesday sample change schedule for July – August 2012.
- July 3
- July 17
- July 31
- August 14
- August 28