Happy Birthday AMoN! At the end of October, AMoN celebrated its 5th year of operations. The network has grown from the first 15 sites established in October 2007 to the current network of 61 active sites. The map at left shows the age of each AMoN site in years. Sites established within the last year are shown as gold stars. Inactive sites are shown with a black dot.

Welcome New Sites! We welcome the following three sites which began operations in November:
- Nick’s Lake (NY94)
- Whiteface Mtn. (NY98)
- Underhill (VT99).

Happy New Year’s! Tuesday January 1, 2013 is a scheduled AMoN sample change day. AMoN protocols allow flexibility in sample deployment if there are staffing issues at your site, and it is permissible to change the sample later in the week. CAL staff will be responding to telephone calls and emails over the holidays, if you have any issues with samples or shipments. Note: If you are operating a collocated NTN site, see the note in your November and December reports about the maximum allowable sample duration of 194 hours for samples to be valid.

Changes to AMoN Operations in January 2013 – There are two minor changes to AMoN operations in response to action items passed by the NADP’s Network Operations Subcommittee at their annual meeting in October. Please see the information on page 3 of this memo. A hardcopy of this note will be included with samples sent out in mid-December.

Note about AMoN Boxes – We have received many positive responses to the new AMoN sample shipping boxes. We try to reuse the boxes when possible. We realize that some boxes need to be marked for inter-office mail, but please avoid making excessive marks that would prevent us from reusing the boxes.

Schedule, December - January – Here’s the Tuesday sample change schedule for December 2012 – January 2013. Note that the 2013 NADP calendar has all AMoN sample change dates. You should have received a copy in the mail. Let us know if you need another one sent to you.
- December 4, 2012
- December 18, 2012
- January 1, 2013
- January 15, 2013
- January 29, 2013
There will be two changes to AMoN operations that affect all samples deployed on or after 1 January 2013:

**Reduction in Number of Travel Blanks** – You will receive a travel blank approximately once every other month instead receiving one in each set. Please do not remove the travel blank from the plastic bag or open the jar.

**Updated Sample Field Form** – Two new observations about field conditions have been added to the field form (Block 5 and Block 6 in the sample below). Answer these questions based on your knowledge of conditions at the site. Note that the sample form no longer requests you to answer where the travel blank was stored.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 1-800-952-7353 or email amon@isws.illinois.edu

**Thank you for your continued support of AMoN!**