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## List of Acronyms

\*Update this list as appropriate\*

DQI – Data quality indicators  
DQO – Data quality objective  
EI – Environmental information   
EIO – Environmental information operations  
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  
PARCCS – Precision, accuracy, representativeness, comparability, completeness, sensitivity  
PO – Project Officer

QA – Quality assurance  
QAM – Quality assurance manager  
QAPP – Quality Assurance Project Plan  
QC – Quality control  
RPD – Relative percent difference  
RSD – Relative standard deviation  
SOP – Standard Operating Procedure

## A. Project Management and Data Quality Objectives

### 1. Project Organization and Personnel (A7 - A10)

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\* Insert Figure 1, organization chart. \*

### 2. Personnel Training and Certifications (A11)

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### 3. Project Purpose, Problem Definition, and Background (A4)

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### 4. Project Task Description and Schedule (A5)

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Table . Project schedule

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Project Task** | **Jul 2023** | **Aug 2023** | **Sep 2023** | **Oct 2023** | **Nov 2023** | **Dec 2023** | **Jan 2024** |
| QAPP Preparation and Approval |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Field mobilization (Soil borings and monitoring well installation; soil and groundwater sampling) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indoor Air Sampling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Laboratory Analysis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Data Validation and Review |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Final Report |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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### 5. Data Quality Objectives (A6)

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Table . Project data quality indicators.

| **Data quality indicator** | **Quality control activities**  **and checks** | **Goal** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Precision |  |  |
| Bias |  |  |
| Accuracy |  |  |
| Representativeness |  |  |
| Comparability |  |  |
| Completeness |  |  |
| Sensitivity |  |  |
| Measurement range |  |  |

Table . General assessment factors ([Guidance on Systematic Planning Using the Data Quality Objectives Process (EPA QA/G-4](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-06/documents/g4-final.pdf)).

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **General Assessment Factor** | **Description** | **Goal** |
| Soundness | The extent to which the scientific and technical procedures, measures, methods, or models employed to generate the information are reasonable for, and consistent with, the intended application |  |
| Applicability and Utility | The extent to which the information is relevant for the Agency’s intended use |  |
| Clarity and Completeness | The degree of clarity and completeness with which the data, assumptions, methods, quality assurance, sponsoring organizations and analyses employed to generate the information are documented |  |
| Uncertainty and Variability | The extent to which the variability and uncertainty (quantitative and qualitative) in the information or the procedures, measures, methods, or models are evaluated and characterized |  |
| Evaluation and Review | The extent of independent verification, validation, and peer review of the information or of the procedures, measures, methods, or models |  |

### 6. Documentation and Records Management (A12)

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## B. Environmental Information Operations

### 1. Project/Sampling Design and Rationale (B1)

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Figure .\* Example existing data selection steps. \*

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| 1. Select the most reliable data source |
| 2. Determine if data meet quality requirements.  a. If “Yes”, use the data with full references.  b. If “No”, move to step 3. |
| 3. Determine if there are other data sources available.  a. If “Yes”, evaluate the alternate data source starting at step 2.  b. If “No”, move to step 4. |
| 4. Evaluate if the data are crucial.  a. If “Yes”, move to step 5.  b. If “No”, do not use the data. |
| 5. Evaluate if data can provide relevant, if limited, information.  a. If “Yes”, use the data and fully describe its limitations and document the need for better data.  b. If “No”, do not use the data and note the need for data collection. |

### 2. Methods (B2)

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Table . Project field sampling standard operating procedures reference table.

| **SOP Reference ID** | **Title, Revision Date and/or Number** | **Originating Organization** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Table . Project laboratory analysis standard operating procedures reference table.

| **SOP Reference ID** | **Title, Revision Date and/or Number** | **Originating Organization** |
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### 3. Integrity of Environmental Information (B3)

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Table . Sampling design

| **Matrix** | **Parameter/Analyte Group** | **# of**  **Samples** | **QC Samples** | **Analytical Method/ SOP** | **Sample Container** | **Preservation Method** | **Holding Time** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \* Example: Water \* | \* Total Suspended solids \* | \* 9 \* | \* 1 blank + 1 duplicate \* | \* SOP-TSS-01 \* | \* 1 L HDPE pre-cleaned \* | \* 1-6 °C \* | \* 7 days \*. |
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### 4. Environmental Information Management (B7)

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### 5. Quality Control (B4)

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Table . Quality control sample summary

| **Matrix** | **Parameter** | **QC Sample Type** | **Acceptance Criteria** | **Corrective Actions** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \* Example: Water \* | \* Secchi Depth \* | \* Duplicate \* | \* +/- 0.2 meters \* | \* repeat measurements \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |

### 6. Equipment/Instrument Calibration, Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance (B5)

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Table . Maintenance, calibration, and testing of field and laboratory equipment and instrumentation.

| **Instrument** | **Activity** | **SOP Reference** | **Title /Position of Responsible Person** | **Frequency** | **Acceptance Criteria** | **Corrective Action** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
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### 7. Inspection/Acceptance of Supplies and Services (B6)

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## C. Assessment, Response Actions, and Oversight

### 1. Assessments, Oversight, and Response Actions (C1 & C2)

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### 2. Reports to Management (C2)

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## D. Data Review and Usability

### 1. Data Review (D1)

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### 2. Project Evaluation – Usability Determination (D2)

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## Appendices

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Figure A \*Example chain-of-custody form. \*

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| EPA Project Number: | | Project Name & Location: | | | | Sampler’s Name & Signature: | | | |
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