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HOLDING TIMES FOR GROUNDWATER

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This letter is in response to your inquiry of May 7, 1992, concerning the holding times for ground water in Chapter 11 of SW 846. Please disregard the holding time tables for volatiles and semivolatiles in Chapter 11, since they are in the process of being deleted from the manual.

The appropriate holding times for aqueous samples are listed in the holding time tables in Chapter 2 and Chapter 4 of SW-846. The holding time for volatiles is 14 days. The holding time for semivolatiles is 7 days for extraction of the sample, and 40 days after extraction for analysis of the extract.

If you have any questions, please call me at 202-260-4761.

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