



## TRAVEL BLANK/FIELD BLANK INSTRUCTIONS

### Travel Blank:

Your sample kit contains one 40-ml glass vial, labeled "Travel Blank". It has been filled with deionized water at Pyxis Laboratories. **DO NOT** open the vial --- simply return it to Pyxis Laboratories along with your VOC sample.

### Field Blank:

Your sample kit also contains an empty 40-ml glass vial with few drops of HCL, labeled "Field Blank", attached to a small, brown, glass bottle filled with deionized water from Pyxis Laboratories. *Do not rinse the vial.* **DO NOT** fill the vial or the brown bottle with water from your source. Simply pour the water from the brown glass bottle into the attached 40-ml glass vial labeled "Field Blank" until it contains no air bubbles. Do this immediately before, or immediately after you fill the 3 vials for your own VOC sample. The brown bottle can be discarded after it is emptied (there may be a little water remaining in the brown bottle --- this is not a problem.) Return the Field Blank and Travel Blank along with your VOC sample.

### Temperature Blank:

A temperature blank consists of a small bottle about 40 mL filled with D.I. water, packed in a cooler. The intention is for the laboratory to measure the temperature of the water in the bottle upon receipt of the cooler. This process gives a more representative temperature of the samples packed and shipped to the laboratory. Please do not open or empty this bottle.

Travel blank and field blank are treated exactly as samples, **please preserve on ice**. If you have any questions regarding sample collection, please feel free to call our Customer Service department at (503) 254-1794.