

EIM Help – Entering Comments

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EIM has three fields where you can enter comments. Comments are used when you want to include ancillary information about your data that isn't a good fit for other EIM fields.

1. **Field Activity Comment** (Column J) – Use when you want the same comment for ALL results under a specific Field Activity (a sample or set of measurements that occurred at the same location, date, and time). 2000 character maximum. Examples:

- Cows in stream upgradient of sampling site.
- VERY LOW TIDE, sunny, breezy, 15 knots.
- Purged 40+ gallons. Large holding tank.
- Sample 07208727 is a field replicate of 07208721.

You can only have ONE Field Activity Comment per Field Activity. In the case of Samples, this means you can only have one Field Activity Comment per Sample ID. If you enter more than one Field Activity Comment per Field Activity, the system will only accept the first one loaded. All of the results for that specific Field Activity will have that same comment.

2. **Result Value Comment** (Column BH) – Use to comment about an individual result, such as one parameter within a sample. You can also add the same comment to many results if desired, such as all parameters in a sample analyzed by a certain method. 2000 character maximum. Examples:

- Thermometer broke, temperature taken with new thermometer.
- Reported DO value is corrected to Winkler measurements by adding a correction factor equal to the average difference between raw Hydrolab and Winkler DO values.
- Original data qualifier = K.
- EPA sample ID 95505 for PCDD/F, 94284705 for PCBs.

3. **Result Additional Comment** (Column BL) - An additional field used in the same way as Result Value Comment. 2000 character maximum. Examples:

- Temperature result is an estimate because thermometer not calibrated.
- Temperature Accuracy: +/- 0.2 deg C.
- Co-precipitated per Bloom and Crecelius (1984).
- 5 lab replicates were composited.

Note: If you were not able to obtain a result value but still want to provide information about the event, it should be entered into EIM with a Field Activity Type (Column D) of Observation. An example of an Observation would be to show that a sample or measurement was attempted, but conditions prohibited result values from being obtained. Please see EIM Help Document "[Entering Observations](#)" for further details.