

HASQARD Section 4.2.4, Volume 2, Revision 3 requires: "The field custodian shall seal the cap of the individual sample container so that any tampering is easy to detect. Custody seals shall be used to verify that sample integrity has been maintained during transport."

The **HASQARD** Focus Group provides the following clarification to the requirement:

Note: The presence of, or fixative residue from, custody seals can interfere with the functionality of equipment used during analysis (e.g., the auto-sampler used for EPA Method 5035A analysis of volatile organic compounds). Where these interferences occur, in lieu of using a custody seals directly applied to sample containers, the sample container may be placed inside a secondary container that is sealed with custody tape.