

## 4.7 Appendix G: Format for Input Files

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3.3.3, 3.4.3.1	Record number file for retrieval
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3.4.3.3	Parameter code file
3.4.3.4	Censoring of zero values
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3.6.9	Parameter codes for parameter-method table retrieval

### Format Required for Field Forms

[Lines that begin with a '#' are comment lines that can be inserted at the beginning of the field form. The first line with a '#' will be the name of the field form shown when field forms are listed to the screen. These comment lines are optional.]

Column	Description
1-5	Parameter code
6	Method code (optional – must be capitalized)
7	Not used
8-32	Parameter names or descriptions
36	'Y' indicates that parameter is mandatory

### List of Station Identification Numbers for Retrieval

Column	Description
1-5	Agency code
6-20	Station number

### Record Number File Format for Retrievals:

Column	Description
1-8	Record number
9-10	Database number (if multiple databases are being used)

**List of Station Identification Number, Sample Date, Sample Time, and Sample Medium Code**

<b>Column</b>	<b>Description</b>
1-5	Agency code
6-7	[not used]
8-22	Station number
23-46	Sample date
23-26	Begin year (YYYY)
27-28	Begin month (MM)
29-30	Begin day (DD)
31-34	Begin time (2400 hour system)
35-38	End year (YYYY)
39-40	End month (MM)
41-42	End day (DD)
43-46	End time (2400 hour system)
47	Medium code

**Parameter Code File**

<b>Column</b>	<b>Description</b>
1-5	Parameter code
6	Method code (if needed)
7-80	Parameter name (if needed)

**Format of File for Censoring of Zero Values:**

<b>Column</b>	<b>Description</b>
1-5	Parameter code
6-14	Recensoring value

**Format of File for Recensoring Information:**

<b>Column</b>	<b>Description</b>
1-5	Parameter code
6	Method Code (if needed)
7-15	Recensoring value

**Parameter Codes for Parameter-Method Table Retrieval:**

<b>Column</b>	<b>Description</b>
1-5	Parameter code
7	Method code (optional – must be capitalized)
9	Dash (optional—required if retrieving a range of parameter codes)
11-15	Parameter code (optional—required if retrieving a range of parameter codes)
17	Method code (optional – must be capitalized)