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Quality Code ADCP Gauging: Method Code (44 ADCP(RDI); 45 ADP(Sontek))

Overview:

This document follows the National Environmental Monitoring Standards NEMS (V1.1 June 2013) Quality Codes – Open Channel Flow and requirements to meet the NEMS standard (QC 600).

Providing the Annex D ADCP Moving Boat Estimation of the Quality Code, of NEMS has been completed for an initial quality code.

And the following initial criteria are met:

Quality	Criteria	NEMS
Code		Adopted
QC 600	 Random error ≤5%, 	
	 WL reference if rating applicable (flow relationship) 	
	 WL measured through gauging (ESG, Logger) 	
	Gauging has reciprocal pairs	
	 Compass calibration/instrument diagnostics/configuration check 	
	complete	
QC 500	 Random error 5% > x < 10% 	
	• Gauging is compromised in some way and is a fair representation of the	
	monitored parameter	
	 Measured data does not meet operational standards/best practice at 	
	time of acquisition	
	 No WL reference if building relationship to flow 	
	 No measured WL through gauging (ESG, Logger) 	
	Minimum Observation depth exceeds tolerance for ADCP	
QC 400	• Random error $\leq 10\%$	1/1/1994
	 Vertical or verticals have >10% flow 	
QC 200	 Un-calibrated/out of date calibrated instruments (>3yrs) 	22/1/2015
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The following derived decision matrix for the final quality code of ADCP gaugings to be completed upon review or archiving of the gauging *and if any of these parameters are not met* the maximum quality code for the gauging is given in the far right column:

NEMS (V1.1 June 2013) definitive requirements	Y	N	Maximum QC for gauging if N
Compass Calibration			500
Sontek Moving Bed Test Water Temperature and Salinity			500
measured and recorded			500
WL reference if rating relationship			500
WL measured regularly throughout			
gauging			500
Gauging ≤ 720 seconds			500
Calibrated Sensor			200

- 1. Add Quality Code to digital Hilltop Face card of Hydrometric Gauging (attached to the gauging card should be the River Surveyor print out and less permanently attached to the gauging card, a Hilltop Facecard copy)
- 2. Note Quality Code on front of physical gauging card in *pencil* with initials of who completed the check and date of check
- 3. Repeat for Hilltop Face card print out
- 4. Update Gauging Register with whom checked the gauging and select the checked box
- 5. Hand in to the Data Team to Archive