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NWQL's [illegible]mission is to
support U[illegible]programs requiring
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Dissolved organic carbon samples are an

Samples of inorganic trace elements are prepared for analysis by inductively coupled plasma–mass spectrometry.

breakdown products from the original pesticide) in surface- and ground-water sample

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Examples of physical
include color, pH, sp
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The NWQL consistently has received overall ratings between 3 (good) and 4 (excellent) in the BQS evaluations, which include organic and inorganic blind samples. The NWQL analyzed a high percentage of the selected constituents from Fall 1997 to Spring 2000 (see graph). Results of such studies offer