

Table 1. Resources needed to support a plan for achieving data comparability

Principal function	Field site (sampling related)			Laboratory site (measurement process)		
	Physical	Chemical	Biological	Physical	Chemical	Biological
Reference methods.....	X	X	X	X	X	X
Reference materials.....				X	X	X
Reference collections.....						X
Reference sites.....	X	X	X			
Performance evaluation/calibration materials.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Laboratory accreditation.....				X	X	X
Formal training programs (classroom, on the job training).	X	X	X	X	X	X
Computer resources to access reference methods and method-comparability data.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Method-comparability data.....	X	X	X	X	X	X