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Standard Practice for Sampling Waste Streams on Conveyors¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice describes standard procedures for sampling waste on open and closed conveying systems and is applicable to any waste material that can be conveyed to a waste pile or container. The conveyor system can be a vertical (vertical lifts), sloped, or horizontal type.

1.2 This practice is intended for particles and slurries, which can be sampled using scoop, dipper, or shovel type samplers.

1.3 The practice is not intended for large size sample constituents, such as boulders, large rocks, and debris.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[D4547 Guide for Sampling Waste and Soils for Volatile Organic Compounds](#)

[D4687 Guide for General Planning of Waste Sampling](#)

[D5088 Practice for Decontamination of Field Equipment Used at Waste Sites](#)

[D5283 Practice for Generation of Environmental Data Related to Waste Management Activities: Quality Assurance and Quality Control Planning and Implementation](#)

[D5633 Practice for Sampling with a Scoop](#)

[D5658 Practice for Sampling Unconsolidated Waste from Trucks](#)

[D5680 Practice for Sampling Unconsolidated Solids in Drums or Similar Containers](#)

[D5681 Terminology for Waste and Waste Management](#)

[D5792 Practice for Generation of Environmental Data Related to Waste Management Activities: Development of Data Quality Objectives](#)

[D5956 Guide for Sampling Strategies for Heterogeneous Wastes](#)

[D6009 Guide for Sampling Waste Piles](#)

[D6051 Guide for Composite Sampling and Field Subsampling for Environmental Waste Management Activities](#)

[D6232 Guide for Selection of Sampling Equipment for Waste and Contaminated Media Data Collection Activities](#)

[D6311 Guide for Generation of Environmental Data Related to Waste Management Activities: Selection and Optimization of Sampling Design](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 See also Terminology [D5681](#).

3.1.2 *field records, n*—information written in a field log book, loose leaf sampling forms, or appropriate electronic format at the time of sampling.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice can be used in sampling ash from a kiln or incinerator, soils, and process waste from conveying systems, such as a conveyor and vertical lifts. Some slurries, such as the bottom solids, can be sampled from the quench waters at the end of a kiln.

4.2 This practice can be used to determine material balances for burner efficiency studies and compliance studies.

4.3 This practice can be used on lifts, sloping, and horizontal conveyor systems. The type of conveyor and the amount and type of sample required will dictate the type of sampling equipment required to get a representative sample.

4.4 The sample is taken directly from the conveyor before emptying into the waste container or pile for disposal or recycling using a scoop, dipper, or shovel depending upon the sample requirements (see Practice [D5633](#)). The sample is then put into the sample container for analysis.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.