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## Standard Guide for Field Quality Assurance in a Ground-water Sampling Event<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This guide covers the quality assurance (QA) methods that may be used to assure the validity of data obtained during the sampling of a ground-water monitoring well. QA is any action taken to ensure that performance requirements are met by following standards and procedures. Following QA practices becomes even more critical if the data must be validated in a court of law. Under certain conditions, it may be necessary to follow additional or different QA practices from those listed in this guide. QA practices should be based upon data quality objectives, site-specific conditions, and regulatory requirements.

1.2 *This standard addresses QA procedures used in the field and does not refer to laboratory QA procedures*

1.3 *This standard also 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 and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This standard provides guidance for selecting and performing various field QA procedures. This document cannot replace education or experience and should be used in conjunction with professional judgement. Not all of the procedures are applicable in all circumstances. This ASTM standard is not intended to represent or replace the standard of care by which the adequacy of a given professional service must be judged, nor should this document be applied without consideration of a project's many unique aspects. The word "standard" in the title of this document means only that the document has been approved through the ASTM consensus process.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

D5903 [Guide for Planning and Preparing for a Groundwater Sampling Event](#)

D6089 [Guide for Documenting a Ground-Water Sampling Event](#)

D6452 [Guide for Purging Methods for Wells Used for Ground-Water Quality Investigations](#)

D6517 [Guide for Field Preservation of Ground-Water Samples](#)

D6564 [Guide for Field Filtration of Ground-Water Samples](#)

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

D5608 [Practices for Decontamination of Field Equipment Used at Low Level Radioactive Waste Sites](#)

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:* For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology D653.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:* Note that these are basic definitions. Information on the purposes of the various QA samples is provided in section 5.

3.2.1 *quality assurance (QA)*—actions taken to ensure that standards and procedures are adhered to and that delivered products or services meet performance requirements (reference 1).

3.2.2 *Field Duplicates*—a set of samples that are collected close in time and space and in a manner so that the samples are thought to be representative of the ambient water composition at the time of collection.

3.2.3 *Field Split Samples*—samples obtained by dividing one sample into two or more subsamples either before or after sample preservation and are subject to identical handling and analysis.

3.2.4 *Field Blank or Ambient Blank*—laboratory water that is exposed to the same environmental conditions as the samples.

3.2.5 *Equipment Blank or Rinsate Blank*—deionized water that is passed sequentially through each component of the equipment system used for collecting and processing the environmental samples.