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## Standard Specification for Uranium Ore Concentrate<sup>1</sup>

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### INTRODUCTION

This specification is intended to provide the nuclear industry with a general standard for uranium ore concentrate. Material conforming to this specification will generally meet the requirements for conversion to uranium hexafluoride. However, the converter may relax or supplement this specification upon mutual agreement with the customer.

### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers uranium ore concentrate containing a minimum of 65 mass % uranium.

1.2 This specification does not include requirements for health and safety. Observance of this specification does not relieve the user of the obligation to be aware of and conform to all applicable international, national, state, and local regulations pertaining to possessing, shipping, or using source nuclear material (see 2.2).

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

### 2. Referenced Documents

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

- C859 Terminology Relating to Nuclear Materials
- C1022 Test Methods for Chemical and Atomic Absorption Analysis of Uranium-Ore Concentrate
- C1075 Practices for Sampling Uranium-Ore Concentrate
- C1380 Test Method for the Determination of Uranium Content and Isotopic Composition by Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry

#### 2.2 U.S. Government Documents:

- Nuclear Materials Licensing Code of Federal Regulations Title 10, Chapter 1, Nuclear Regulatory Commission<sup>3</sup>
- Nuclear Materials Licensing Code of Federal Regulations,

Title 49, *Transportation* Chapter 1, Materials Transportation Bureau<sup>4</sup>

Nuclear Materials Licensing Code of Federal Regulations, Energy Part 50 (10CFR 50) Licensing of Domestic Production and Utilization Facilities<sup>3</sup>

#### 2.3 ANSI Standard:<sup>5</sup>

ANSI/ASME NQA-1 Quality Assurance Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications

### 3. Terminology Definitions

3.1 Except as otherwise defined herein, definitions of terms are as given in Terminology C859.

### 4. Chemical Composition

4.1 *Uranium Content*—The uranium content, as received, shall be a minimum of 65 mass %.

4.2 *Isotopic Content*—The isotopic content shall be that of naturally occurring uranium ( $0.711 \pm 0.001$  g <sup>235</sup>U per 100 g (see Note 1). The <sup>234</sup>U content shall not exceed the limits in Table 1.

NOTE 1—For ore concentrate from verifiable source (for example, through the seller's quality assurance records), the <sup>235</sup>U analysis is not normally required unless otherwise agreed upon between the buyer and seller.

4.3 *Insoluble Uranium*—The uranium insoluble in nitric acid shall be a maximum of 0.10 mass % on a uranium basis.

4.4 *Extractable Organic*—Depending on the conversion process (dry route vs. wet route), the need for measurement of extractable organic shall be agreed upon between buyer and seller (see Note 2).

NOTE 2—If a measurement is requested, a limit of 0.1 g per 100 g of ore concentrate shall be used.

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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.

<sup>3</sup> Available from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, www.nrc.gov.

<sup>4</sup> Available from the Materials Transportation Bureau, 400 Seventh St., Washington, DC, 20590.

<sup>5</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, http://www.ansi.org.