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Standard Specification for Nuclear-Grade Aluminum Oxide Pellets¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification applies to pellets of aluminum oxide that may be ultimately used in a reactor ~~core design, core,~~ for example, as filler or spacers within fuel, burnable poison, or control rods. In order to distinguish between the subject pellets and “burnable poison” pellets, it is established that the subject pellets are not intended to be used as neutron-absorbing material.

1.2 The values stated in ~~SI~~ inch-pound units are to be regarded as ~~the~~ the standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

C 559 [Test Method for Bulk Density by Physical Measurements of Manufactured Carbon and Graphite Articles](#)

C 809 [Test Methods for Chemical, Mass Spectrometric, and Spectrochemical Analysis of Nuclear-Grade Aluminum Oxide and AluminumOxide-Boron Carbide Composite Pellets](#)

C 859 [Terminology Relating to Nuclear Materials](#)

E 105 [Practice for Probability Sampling of Materials](#)

2.2 ANSI Standard:

ANSI/ASME NQA-1 [Quality Assurance Program Requirements for Nuclear Facilities](#) Facility Applications³

2.3 U.S. Government Document:

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 50, Energy (10CFR50) Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terms shall be defined in accordance with Terminology C 859 except for the following:

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *buyer*—organization issuing the purchase order.

3.2.2 *pellet*—fabricated geometric shape of aluminum oxide having a chemical composition as described in Section 4.

3.2.3 *pellet lot*—that quantity of pellets produced from one aluminum oxide powder lot using one set of process parameters whose limits have been agreed upon between the seller and the buyer.

3.2.4 *powder lot*—a specified quantity of aluminum oxide powder made up of powders from one or more sources, blended together such that samples taken in accordance with 7.1 can be considered as representative of the entire specified quantity.

3.2.5 *seller*—aluminum oxide pellet supplier.

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³For 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*, Vol 15.01, volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

⁴Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 12.01.

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

⁶Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁷Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.