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Standard Specification for Nuclear-Grade Uranyl Nitrate Solution or Crystals[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification applies to nuclear-grade aqueous uranyl nitrate solution or crystals not exceeding 5 % ^{235}U intended for subsequent manufacture into either UF_6 (for feed to an enrichment plant) or direct conversion to uranium oxide (for use in reactors).

1.2 This specification is intended to provide the nuclear industry with a general standard for aqueous uranyl nitrate solution or crystals. It recognizes the diversity of manufacturing methods and the processes to which it is subsequently to be subjected. It is therefore anticipated that it may be necessary to include supplementary specification limits by agreement between purchaser and manufacturer. Different limits are appropriate depending on whether or not the uranyl nitrate is to be converted to UF_6 for subsequent processing.

1.3 The purpose of this specification is: (a) to define the impurity and uranium isotope limits for commercial standard uranyl nitrate, and (b) to define additional limits for reprocessed uranyl nitrate (or any mixture of reprocessed and commercial standard uranyl nitrate). For such uranyl nitrates, special provisions may need to be made to ensure that no extra hazard arises to the employees, the process equipment, or the environment.

1.4 The scope of this specification does not comprehensively cover all provisions for preventing criticality accidents, for health and safety, or for shipping. Observance of this standard does not relieve the user of the obligation to conform to all international, federal, state and local regulations for processing, shipping, or any other way of using the uranyl nitrate. An example of a U.S. Government Document is the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 50 (latest edition).

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.6 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

C787 Specification for Uranium Hexafluoride for Enrichment

C799 Test Methods for Chemical, Mass Spectrometric, Spectrochemical, Nuclear, and Radiochemical Analysis of Nuclear-Grade Uranyl Nitrate Solutions

C859 Terminology Relating to Nuclear Materials

C996 Specification for Uranium Hexafluoride Enriched to Less Than 5 % ^{235}U

C1233 Practice for Determining Equivalent Boron Contents of Nuclear Materials

C1295 Test Method for Gamma Energy Emission from Fission Products in Uranium Hexafluoride and Uranyl Nitrate Solution

2.2 *ANSI Standard:*[3]

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

2.3 *U.S. Government Document:*[4]

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

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 Terms shall be defined in accordance with Terminology C859, except for the following:

3.1.1.1 *commercial standard uranyl nitrate*—refers to uranyl nitrate made from unirradiated uranium. However, it is recognized that some contamination with reprocessed uranium

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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.

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

[4] Available 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.

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