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## Standard Guide for Field Quality Assurance in a Groundwater 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 groundwater 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>

<sup>1</sup> This guide is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D18 on Soil and Rock and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D18.21 on Groundwater and Vadose Zone Investigations.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

- D653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids
- 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
- D5903 Guide for Planning and Preparing for a Groundwater Sampling Event
- D6089 Guide for Documenting a Groundwater Sampling Event
- D6452 Guide for Purging Methods for Wells Used for Groundwater Quality Investigations
- D6517 Guide for Field Preservation of Groundwater Samples
- D6564 Guide for Field Filtration of Groundwater Samples
- D6771 Practice for Low-Flow Purging and Sampling for Wells and Devices Used for Ground-Water Quality Investigations (Withdrawn 2011)<sup>3</sup>

### 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:*

3.2.1 Note that these are basic definitions. Information on the purposes of the various QA samples is provided in section 5.

3.2.2 *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).

3.2.3 *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.

3.2.4 *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.

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).