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Foreword

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Introduction

The rapidly growing global market for water reuse technologies inevitably demands standards which are applicable on a world-wide basis. Many regions in the world are facing water shortages, and there is great interest in the use of technologies that can treat wastewater and make the reuse water available for a wide range of reuse applications that can satisfy non-potable water demands, thereby conserving precious potable water supplies. Simultaneously, the implementation of water reuse schemes is raising public and regulatory concerns regarding potential human health, environmental and societal impacts. This has led to an increasing need to specify various aspects of water reuse projects and there is a growing need on behalf of regulators, reuse technology suppliers, and users of those technologies for international standardization. Without ISO water reuse standards, a great number of opportunities for sustainable development based on water reuse will be lost.

Standardization needs to include objective specification and evaluation of levels of service and water reuse system performance dependability, including safety, environmental protection, and resilience and cost-effectiveness considerations. Hence, appropriate methods are needed to evaluate the performance of water reuse systems.

The performance of treatment technologies for water reuse, inter alia, should be evaluated properly in order to select the most appropriate technologies in an unbiased way to achieve the objectives of the water reuse project. Despite considerable research and development on treatment technologies, such scientific knowledge is largely held within commercial interests. Given less than ideal communication between producers and users of reuse technologies with regards to treatment performance, clear information as to what to measure on the one hand and what level of performance is required on the other is currently missing. To address these challenges, this document provides methods and tools, which can be accepted by most stakeholders, to evaluate the performance of treatment technologies for water reuse systems from multitude of applications.

Based on the discussion in the meetings of ISO/TC 282/SC 3, ISO 20468-1 titled “Guidelines for performance evaluation of treatment technologies for water reuse systems — Part 1: General” has been developed to establish the standard of generic aspects for performance evaluation. In this context, this document stipulating specific ways of performance evaluation of ozone treatment technology, commonly known as ozonation, for water reuse systems, based on ISO 20468-1 as the generic standard, is established herein.

Ozone (O_3) is an allotrope of oxygen (O_2) and is the second strongest oxidiser after fluorine. Its strong oxidative decomposition power makes it effective as a disinfectant and in removal of oxidizable constituents in water. There are cases where ozonation at high doses is used to remove micro-pollutants in wastewater for environmental protection.

In various types of water reuse systems, the disinfection and the removal of colour and odour are essential. Then it can be said that ozone technology plays an important role to improve these water qualities for the purpose of water reuse, working well with secondary or tertiary treated water as shown in Figure 1 of ISO 20468-1:2018 and in Annex A.

In this guideline, the dedicated features to ozone technology for water reuse are described and the requirements for proper and accurate evaluation of ozone system for water reuse are offered.