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Determination of the mass
concentration of ammonia — Manual
method**

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Foreword

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Introduction

Ammonia emissions arise to a large extent from agriculture. Industries such as chemical production processes (e.g. fertilizer production plants) emit ammonia as well as power plants, cement factories and waste incineration plants with SCR and non-SCR reactors with ammonia slip. The ammonia emissions are measured and often controlled by legislation.

This document specifies an independent method of measurement for intermittent monitoring of ammonia emissions as well as for the calibration and validation of automated ammonia measuring systems.

This document can be used in conjunction with ISO 17179 which specifies performance characteristics of automated measuring systems (AMS) for the determination of the mass concentration of ammonia in waste gas. According to ISO 17179, permanently installed AMS for continuous monitoring of ammonia emissions are calibrated and validated by comparison with an independent method of measurement. The uncertainty of measured values obtained by permanently installed AMS for continuous monitoring are determined by comparison measurements with an independent method of measurement as part of the calibration and validation of the AMS. This ensures that the measurement uncertainty is representative of the emission at a specific plant.

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Stationary source emissions — Determination of the mass concentration of ammonia — Manual method

1 Scope

This document specifies a manual method of measurement including sampling and different analytical methods for the determination of the mass concentration of ammonia (NH₃) in the waste gas of industrial plants, for example combustion plants or agricultural plants. All compounds which are volatile at the sampling temperature and produce ammonium ions upon dissociation during sampling in the absorption solution are measured by this method, which gives the volatile ammonia content of the waste gas.

This document specifies an independent method of measurement, which has been validated in field tests in a NH₃ concentration range of approximately 8 mg/m³ to 65 mg/m³ at standard conditions. The lower limit of the validation range was determined under operational conditions of a test plant. The measurement method can be used at lower values depending, for example, on the sampling duration, sampling volume and the limit of detection of the analytical method used.

NOTE 1 The plant, the conditions during field tests and the performance characteristics obtained in the field are given in [Annex A](#).

This method of measurement can be used for intermittent monitoring of ammonia emissions as well as for the calibration and validation of permanently installed automated ammonia measuring systems.

NOTE 2 An independent method of measurement is called standard reference method (SRM) in EN 14181.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 7150-1, *Water quality — Determination of ammonium — Part 1: Manual spectrometric method*

ISO 11732, *Water quality — Determination of ammonium nitrogen — Method by flow analysis (CFA and FIA) and spectrometric detection*

ISO 14911, *Water quality — Determination of dissolved Li⁺, Na⁺, NH₄⁺, K⁺, Mn²⁺, Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺, Sr²⁺ and Ba²⁺ using ion chromatography — Method for water and waste water*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

3 Terms and definitions

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