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Introduction

This document describes a method to dissolve samples consisting of MOX pellets or powders to provide suitable aliquots for subsequent analysis of elemental concentration and isotopic composition.

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Part 2: Dissolution of MOX pellets and powders

1 Scope

This document specifies the dissolution of samples consisting of MOX pellets or powders to provide suitable aliquots for subsequent analysis of elemental concentration and isotopic composition.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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4 Summary of the method

Among the factors affecting the formation of solid solution and hence, the ease of dissolution are:

- the method of fuel fabrication (i.e. mechanically blended oxides, co-precipitated oxides, microwave denitrated oxides or sol-gel oxides);
- the degree of sintering.

Therefore, different dissolution methods are applied depending on the type of MOX sample to be dissolved.

The radiological hazard of plutonium and the need to minimize the waste shall be taken into account when choosing the mass of the sample to be dissolved. A MOX mass of 0,1 g to 10 g should be sufficient for most of the analyses. Some analysis may however require more material.

For the highest possible assay accuracy only gravimetric dissolution methods are recommended. However for a less critical assay, volumetric dissolution may be appropriate.