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Détermination des composés organiques halogénés
adsorbables (AOX)

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Bestimmung von adsorbierten organisch gebundenen
Halogenen (AOX)

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European foreword

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- Calculation harmonized with EN ISO 9562;
- Initial check and daily check procedure harmonized with EN ISO 9562 and extended to include full measuring process.

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Introduction

This document is applicable and validated for several types of matrices as indicated in Table 1 (see also Annex A for the results of the validation).

NOTE This method can also be applied to other environmental solid matrices, provided the user has verified the applicability.

Table 1 — Matrices for which this document is applicable and validated

Matrix	Materials used for validation
Sludge	Municipal sludge
Compost	Fresh compost
	Compost
Soil	Sludge amended soil
	Agricultural soil

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IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted according to this document be carried out by suitably trained staff.

1 Scope

This document specifies an operationally defined method for the direct determination of organically bound halogens (chlorine, bromine and iodine) adsorbed and occluded to the sample matrix. AOX being a methodologically defined parameter, it is essential that the procedure is applied without any modification.

This document is intended for analysis of sludge, treated biowaste or soil in concentrations ranging from 5 mg/kg dry matter. The upper limit and exact concentration range covered depend on the instrumentation used for determination.

NOTE This method can also be applied to other environmental solid matrices, provided the user has verified the applicability.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui>

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adsorbed organically bound halogens, AOX

amount of chlorine, bromine, and iodine contained as organic compounds in the sample matrix, expressed as chloride, when determined according to this document

Note 1 to entry: This includes halogenated organic compounds adsorbed at the dry sample matrix as well as water soluble halogenated compounds that can be adsorbed on to activated carbon.

4 Principle

Activated carbon is added to a dried, homogenized solid sample. Inorganic halides are eluted and at the same time water soluble organic compounds are adsorbed onto the activated carbon by shaking with acidified nitrate solution.

The loaded carbon/sample mixture is combusted in an oxygen stream.

The hydrogen halides produced are absorbed followed by the determination of the halide ions, for example, by microcoulometric titration. The result is expressed as the mass fraction of chloride.

5 Interferences

Sparingly soluble or occluded inorganic halides are included in the determination and can, if present, give a significant positive bias. Adequate washing is essential to remove inorganic interference.

Iodide contained in the sample can be adsorbed to the active carbon and not be washed off, thus leading to positive bias.

Organic bromine and iodine compounds can, during combustion, lead to the formation of elemental bromine or iodine respectively or to the formation of halogen oxides. The determination of these AOX fractions can be incomplete, thus leading to negative bias.