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Foreword

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Introduction

This document has been developed primarily to support the implementation of the Directive 2006/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the council on the management of waste from the extractive industries, especially relating to technical requirements for waste characterization as sulfide bearing materials may generate sulfuric acid when subjected to weathering.

Test methods for the determination of acid generation behaviour can be divided in static and kinetic tests. A static test is usually relatively fast to perform, but gives only indicative information based on total composition of the waste material. The kinetic test gives more detailed information on behaviour based on reaction rates under specified conditions. This standard only covers static testing.

The application of this test method alone may not be sufficient to determine the actual potential in the field for the formation of acidic drainage as site specific conditions will affect the behaviour in the field and require a more detailed assessment.

To carry out a more precise assessment of the acid generation potential and buffering capacity mineralogical information is required. A number of special cases can be identified: e.g. presence of sulfate (e.g. gypsum), non-acid producing sulfides or carbonates with no buffering capacity. Acid neutralisation behaviour as obtained by other methods can provide additional information in circumstances of uncertainty.

1 Scope

This European standard specifies methods to determine the potential of sulfide bearing materials for the formation of acidic drainage. Specified are methods for determining both the acid potential (AP) and the neutralisation potential (NP) of the material. From these results the net neutralisation potential (NNP) and the neutralisation potential ratio (NPR) are calculated.

This European standard is applicable to all sulfide bearing wastes from the extractive industries excluding wastes which will have $\text{pH} < 2$ in the initial step of the procedure described in 8.2.3.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 13137:2001, *Characterization of waste — Determination of total organic carbon (TOC) in waste, sludges and sediments*

EN 14346, *Characterization of waste — Calculation of dry matter by determination of dry residue or water content*

EN 14582, *Characterization of waste — Halogen and sulfur content — Oxygen combustion in closed systems and determination methods*

EN 14899, *Characterization of waste — Sampling of waste materials — Framework for the preparation and application of a Sampling Plan*

EN 15002, *Characterization of waste — Preparation of test portions from the laboratory sample*

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 15178, *Soil quality — Determination of total sulfur by dry combustion*

ISO 16720, *Soil quality — Pretreatment of samples by freeze-drying for subsequent analysis*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

laboratory sample

sample sent to or received by the laboratory

3.2

test sample

sample, prepared from the laboratory sample, from which test portions are removed for testing or analysis

3.3

test portion

quantity of material of proper size, for measurement of the concentration or other properties of interest, taken from the test sample

NOTE The test portion may be taken from the laboratory sample directly if no preparation of sample is required (e.g. samples of proper homogeneity, size and fineness).