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Standard Specification for Sintered (Uranium-Plutonium) Dioxide Pellets¹

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INTRODUCTION

This specification is intended to provide the nuclear industry with a general standard for uranium-plutonium dioxide pellets for thermal reactor use. It recognizes the diversity of manufacturing methods by which uranium-plutonium dioxide pellets are produced and the many special requirements for chemical and physical characterization that may be imposed by the operating conditions to which the pellets will be subjected in specific reactor systems. It does not recognize the possible problems associated with the reprocessing of such pellets. It is, therefore, anticipated that the purchaser may supplement this specification with additional requirements for specific applications.

1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers finished sintered and ground (uranium-plutonium) dioxide pellets for use in thermal reactors. It applies to uranium-plutonium dioxide pellets containing plutonium additions up to 105 % weight. ~~The isotopic composition of This specification may not completely cover the diluent uranium shall be of any ²³⁵U composition. The isotopic composition of the plutonium component shall be as normally prepared by in-reactor neutron irradiation of uranium having less than 5 % ²³⁵U.~~ requirements for pellets fabricated from weapons-derived plutonium.

1.2 This specification does not include (1) provisions for preventing criticality accidents or (2) requirements for health and safety. Observance of this specification does not relieve the user of the obligation to be aware of and conform to all applicable international, federal, state, and local regulations ~~on pertaining to possessing, shipping, processing, shipping, or using source or special nuclear materials. Guidance is provided in CFR material. Examples of U.S. government documents are Code of Federal Regulations Title 10, THD-7016; Part 50—Domestic Licensing of Production and DP-532 (see 2.3).~~

~~1.3 All terms used herein are as defined in Terminology C 859, Utilization Facilities; Title 10, Part 71—Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material; and Title 49, Part 173—General Requirements for Shipments and Packaging.~~

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the technical requirements portion, Section 4, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C-26 on Nuclear Fuel Cycle and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C26.02 on Fuel and Fertile Material Specifications.

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