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Standard Test Methods for Determination of Trace Elements in Coal, Coke, and Combustion Residues from Coal Utilization Processes by Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry, Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry, and Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrometry¹

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NOTE—The Repeatability and Reproducibility Limits in Table 3, Table 7, and Table X1.1 were corrected editorially and the year date changed on June 11, 2021.

1. Scope

1.1 These test methods pertain to the determination of antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, copper, lead, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, vanadium, and zinc in coal and coke. These test methods can also be used for the analysis of residues from coal combustion processes. Additionally, there are specific test methods outlined that pertain to the determination of rare earth elements in coal and coal combustion residues.

NOTE 1—These test methods may be applicable to the determination of other trace elements.

NOTE 2—Rare earth elements are understood to include: cerium, dysprosium, erbium, europium, gadolinium, holmium, lanthanum, lutetium, neodymium, praseodymium, samarium, scandium, terbium, thulium, ytterbium, and yttrium.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses after SI units are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.2.1 All percentages are percent mass fractions unless otherwise noted.

1.3 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recom-*

mendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D121 Terminology of Coal and Coke
- D346 Practice for Collection and Preparation of Coke Samples for Laboratory Analysis
- D1193 Specification for Reagent Water
- D2013 Practice for Preparing Coal Samples for Analysis
- D3173 Test Method for Moisture in the Analysis Sample of Coal and Coke
- D3174 Test Method for Ash in the Analysis Sample of Coal and Coke from Coal
- D3180 Practice for Calculating Coal and Coke Analyses from As-Determined to Different Bases
- D7448 Practice for Establishing the Competence of Laboratories Using ASTM Procedures in the Sampling and Analysis of Coal and Coke
- D7582 Test Methods for Proximate Analysis of Coal and Coke by Macro Thermogravimetric Analysis
- D8146 Guide for Evaluating Test Method Capability and Fitness for Use
- E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

2.2 Other Documents:³

- EPA/600/4-91/010 Methods for the Determination of Metals in Environmental Samples

¹ These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D05 on Coal and Coke and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D05.29 on Major Elements in Ash and Trace Elements of Coal.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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