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Standard Specification for Ambient Outdoor Air Quality Sensors and Sensor-Based Instruments for Portable and Fixed-Point Measurement¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers performance criteria for ambient outdoor air quality sensors based on the evaluation described in Practice D8406.

1.2 This specification does not apply to sensors or instruments that remotely measure atmospheric pollutants using open path, lidar, or imaging technology.

1.3 This specification is for sensors that alone or in combination measure outdoor criteria pollutants in ambient air: particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), ozone (O₃), carbon monoxide (CO), or nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) at concentrations that are relevant to public health.

1.4 Evaluation is to be performed by a competent entity able to demonstrate that it operates in conformity with internationally accepted test laboratory quality standards such as ISO/IEC 17025. Normally, it is expected that the entity undertaking the performance evaluation under Practice D8406 will perform the evaluation according to this specification.

1.5 *Units*—The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.6 *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.*

1.7 *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 Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D1356 Terminology Relating to Sampling and Analysis of Atmospheres

D1914 Practice for Conversion Units and Factors Relating to Sampling and Analysis of Atmospheres

D8406 Practice for Performance Evaluation of Ambient Outdoor Air Quality Sensors and Sensor-based Instruments for Portable and Fixed-point Measurement

E456 Terminology Relating to Quality and Statistics

2.2 Other Standards:

40 CFR Part 53 Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent methods³

CEN TS 17660-1 Air Quality – Performance evaluation of air quality sensor systems – Part 1: Gaseous pollutants in ambient air⁴

Directive 2008/50/EC Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe⁵

EN14625 Ambient air – Standard method for the measurement of the concentration of ozone by ultraviolet photometry⁴

ISO/IEC 17025 Testing and calibration laboratories⁶

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminologies D1356 and E456, and Practice D8406.

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.

³ Available from United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, <http://www.epa.gov>.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

⁵ Available from Council of the Eur-LEX, www.eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/50/oj.

⁶ Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.