

Figure 25E-1. Schematic of Sampling Apparatus

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APPENDIX A-8 TO PART 60—TEST  
METHODS 26 THROUGH 30B

Method 26—Determination of Hydrogen Chloride Emissions From Stationary Sources

Method 26A—Determination of hydrogen halide and halogen emissions from stationary sources—isokinetic method

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The test methods in this appendix are referred to in §60.8 (Performance Tests) and §60.11 (Compliance With Standards and Maintenance Requirements) of 40 CFR part 60, subpart A (General Provisions). Specific uses of these test methods are described in the standards of performance contained in the subparts, beginning with Subpart D.

Within each standard of performance, a section title "Test Methods and Procedures" is provided to: (1) Identify the test methods to be used as reference methods to the facility subject to the respective standard and (2) identify any special instructions or conditions to be followed when applying a method to the respective facility. Such instructions (for example, establish sampling rates, volumes, or temperatures) are to be used either in addition to, or as a substitute for procedures in a test method. Similarly, for sources subject to emission monitoring requirements, specific instructions pertaining to any use of a test method as a reference method are provided in the subpart or in Appendix B.

Inclusion of methods in this appendix is not intended as an endorsement or denial of their applicability to sources that are not subject to standards of performance. The methods are potentially applicable to other sources; however, applicability should be confirmed by careful and appropriate evaluation of the conditions prevalent at such sources.

The approach followed in the formulation of the test methods involves specifications for equipment, procedures, and performance. In concept, a performance specification approach would be preferable in all methods because this allows the greatest flexibility to the user. In practice, however, this approach is impractical in most cases because performance specifications cannot be established. Most of the methods described herein, therefore, involve specific equipment specifications and procedures, and only a few methods in this appendix rely on performance criteria.

Minor changes in the test methods should not necessarily affect the validity of the results and it is recognized that alternative and equivalent methods exist, section 60.8 provides authority for the Administrator to specify or approve (1) equivalent methods, (2) alternative methods, and (3) minor changes in the methodology of the test methods. It should be clearly understood that unless oth-

erwise identified all such methods and changes must have prior approval of the Administrator. An owner employing such methods or deviations from the test methods without obtaining prior approval does so at the risk of subsequent disapproval and retesting with approved methods.

Within the test methods, certain specific equipment or procedures are recognized as being acceptable or potentially acceptable and are specifically identified in the methods. The items identified as acceptable options may be used without approval but must be identified in the test report. The potentially approvable options are cited as "subject to the approval of the Administrator" or as "or equivalent." Such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives may be used at the discretion of the owner without prior approval. However, detailed descriptions for applying these potentially approvable techniques or alternatives are not provided in the test methods. Also, the potentially approvable options are not necessarily acceptable in all applications. Therefore, an owner electing to use such potentially approvable techniques or alternatives is responsible for: (1) assuring that the techniques or alternatives are in fact applicable and are properly executed; (2) including a written description of the alternative method in the test report (the written method must be clear and must be capable of being performed without additional instruction, and the degree of detail should be similar to the detail contained in the test methods); and (3) providing any rationale or supporting data necessary to show the validity of the alternative in the particular application. Failure to meet these requirements can result in the Administrator's disapproval of the alternative.

METHOD 26—DETERMINATION OF HYDROGEN HALIDE AND HALOGEN EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES NON-ISOKINETIC METHOD

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analytes	CAS No.
Hydrogen Chloride (HCl) .....	7647-01-0
Hydrogen Bromide (HBr) .....	10035-10-6
Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) .....	7664-39-3
Chlorine (Cl <sub>2</sub> ) .....	7882-50-5
Bromine (Br <sub>2</sub> ) .....	7726-95-6

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for determining emissions of hydrogen halides (HX) (HCl, HBr, and HF) and halogens (X<sub>2</sub>) (Cl<sub>2</sub> and Br<sub>2</sub>) from stationary sources when specified by the applicable subpart. Sources, such as those controlled by wet scrubbers, that emit acid particulate matter must be sampled using Method 26A.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

#### 2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 An integrated sample is extracted from the source and passed through a prepurged heated probe and filter into dilute sulfuric acid and dilute sodium hydroxide solutions which collect the gaseous hydrogen halides and halogens, respectively. The filter collects particulate matter including halide salts but is not routinely recovered and analyzed. The hydrogen halides are solubilized in the acidic solution and form chloride ( $\text{Cl}^-$ ), bromide ( $\text{Br}^-$ ), and fluoride ( $\text{F}^-$ ) ions. The halogens have a very low solubility in the acidic solution and pass through to the alkaline solution where they are hydrolyzed to form a proton ( $\text{H}^+$ ), the halide ion, and the hypohalous acid ( $\text{HClO}$  or  $\text{HBrO}$ ). Sodium thiosulfate is added in excess to the alkaline solution to assure reaction with the hypohalous acid to form a second halide ion such that 2 halide ions are formed for each molecule of halogen gas. The halide ions in the separate solutions are measured by ion chromatography (IC).

#### 3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

##### 4.0 Interferences

4.1 Volatile materials, such as chlorine dioxide ( $\text{ClO}_2$ ) and ammonium chloride ( $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ), which produce halide ions upon dissolution during sampling are potential interferences. Interferents for the halide measurements are the halogen gases which disproportionate to a hydrogen halide and a hydrohalous acid upon dissolution in water. However, the use of acidic rather than neutral or basic solutions for collection of the hydrogen halides greatly reduces the dissolution of any halogens passing through this solution.

4.2 The simultaneous presence of  $\text{HBr}$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  may cause a positive bias in the  $\text{HCl}$  result with a corresponding negative bias in the  $\text{Cl}_2$  result as well as affecting the  $\text{HBr}/\text{Br}_2$  split.

4.3 High concentrations of nitrogen oxides ( $\text{NO}_x$ ) may produce sufficient nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) to interfere with measurements of very low  $\text{Br}^-$  levels.

4.4 A glass wool plug should *not* be used to remove particulate matter since a negative bias in the data could result.

4.5 There is anecdotal evidence that  $\text{HF}$  may be outgassed from new teflon components. If  $\text{HF}$  is a target analyte, then preconditioning of new teflon components, by heating should be considered.

#### 5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations before performing this test method.

5.2 Corrosive Reagents. The following reagents are hazardous. Personal protective equipment and safe procedures are useful in preventing chemical splashes. If contact occurs, immediately flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove clothing under shower and decontaminate. Treat residual chemical burns as thermal burns.

5.2.1 Sodium Hydroxide ( $\text{NaOH}$ ). Causes severe damage to eyes and skin. Inhalation causes irritation to nose, throat, and lungs. Reacts exothermically with limited amounts of water.

5.2.2 Sulfuric Acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). Rapidly destructive to body tissue. Will cause third degree burns. Eye damage may result in blindness. Inhalation may be fatal from spasm of the larynx, usually within 30 minutes. May cause lung tissue damage with edema.  $1 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$  for 8 hours will cause lung damage or, in higher concentrations, death. Provide ventilation to limit inhalation. Reacts violently with metals and organics.

#### 6.0 Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The sampling train is shown in Figure 26-1, and component parts are discussed below.

6.1.1 Probe. Borosilicate glass, approximately 3/8-in. (9-mm) I.D. with a heating system capable of maintaining a probe gas temperature during sampling between 120 and 134 °C (248 and 273 °F) to prevent moisture condensation; or Teflon where stack probes are below 210 °C. If  $\text{HF}$  is a target analyte, then preconditioning of new teflon components by heating should be considered to prevent potential  $\text{HF}$  outgassing. A Teflon-glass filter in a mat configuration should be installed to remove particulate matter from the gas stream.

6.1.2 Three-way Stopcock. A borosilicate-glass three-way stopcock with a heating system to prevent moisture condensation. The heated stopcock should connect to the outlet of the heated filter and the inlet of the first impinger. The heating system should be capable of preventing condensation up to the inlet of the first impinger. Silicone grease may be used, if necessary, to prevent leakage.

6.1.3 Impingers. Four 30-ml midget impingers with leak-free glass connectors. Silicone grease may be used, if necessary, to prevent leakage. For sampling at high moisture sources or for sampling times greater than one hour, a midget impinger with a shortened stem (such that the gas sample does not bubble through the collected condensate) should be used in front of the first impinger.

6.1.4 Drying Tube or Impinger. Tube or impinger, of Mae West design, filled with 6- to 16-mesh indicating type silica gel, or equivalent, to dry the gas sample and to protect the dry gas meter and pump. If the silica gel has been used previously, dry at 175 °C (350 °F) for 2 hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternatively, other types of desiccants (equivalent or better) may be used.

6.1.5 Heating System. Any heating system capable of maintaining a temperature around the probe and filter holder between 120 and 134 °C (248 and 273 °F) during sampling, or such other temperature as specified by an applicable subpart of the standards or approved by the Administrator for a particular application.

6.1.6 Filter Holder and Support. The filter holder shall be made of Teflon or quartz. The filter support shall be made of Teflon. All Teflon filter holders and supports are available from Savillex Corp., 5325 Hwy 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

6.1.7 Sample Line. Leak-free, with compatible fittings to connect the last impinger to the needle valve.

6.1.8 Rate Meter. Rotameter, or equivalent, capable of measuring flow rate to within 2 percent of the selected flow rate of 2 liters/min (0.07 ft<sup>3</sup>/min).

6.1.9 Purge Pump, Purge Line, Drying Tube, Needle Valve, and Rate Meter. Pump capable of purging the sampling probe at 2 liters/min, with drying tube, filled with silica gel or equivalent, to protect pump, and a rate meter capable of measuring 0 to 5 liters/min (0.2 ft<sup>3</sup>/min).

6.1.10 Stopcock Grease, Valve, Pump, Volume Meter, Barometer, and Vacuum Gauge. Same as in Method 6, sections 6.1.1.4, 6.1.1.7, 6.1.1.8, 6.1.1.10, 6.1.2, and 6.1.3.

6.1.11 Temperature Measuring Devices. Temperature sensors to monitor the temperature of the probe and to monitor the temperature of the sampling system from the outlet of the probe to the inlet of the first impinger.

6.1.12 Ice Water Bath. To minimize loss of absorbing solution.

6.2 Sample Recovery.

6.2.1 Wash Bottles. Polyethylene or glass, 500-ml or larger, two.

6.2.2 Storage Bottles. 100- or 250-ml, high-density polyethylene bottles with Teflon screw cap liners to store impinger samples.

6.3 Sample Preparation and Analysis. The materials required for volumetric dilution and chromatographic analysis of samples are described below.

6.3.1 Volumetric Flasks. Class A, 100-ml size.

6.3.2 Volumetric Pipets. Class A, assortment. To dilute samples to the calibration range of the ion chromatograph.

6.3.3 Ion Chromatograph (IC). Suppressed or non-suppressed, with a conductivity detector and electronic integrator operating in the peak area mode. Other detectors, strip chart recorders, and peak height measurements may be used.

#### 7.0 Reagents and Standards

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents must conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society (ACS reagent grade). When such specifications are not available, the best available grade shall be used.

#### 7.1 Sampling.

7.1.1 Filter. A 25-mm (1 in) (or other size) Teflon glass mat, Pallflex TX40HI75 (Pallflex Inc., 125 Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT 06260). This filter is in a mat configuration to prevent fine particulate matter from entering the sampling train. Its composition is 75% Teflon/25% borosilicate glass. Other filters may be used, but they must be in a mat (as opposed to a laminate) configuration and contain at least 75% Teflon. For practical rather than scientific reasons, when the stack gas temperature exceeds 210 °C (410 °F) and the HCl concentration is greater than 20 ppm, a quartz-fiber filter may be used since Teflon becomes unstable above this temperature.

7.1.2 Water. Deionized, distilled water that conforms to American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specification D 1193-77 or 91, Type 3 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

7.1.3 Acidic Absorbing Solution, 0.1 N Sulfuric Acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). To prepare 100 ml of the absorbing solution for the front impinger pair, slowly add 0.28 ml of concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to about 90 ml of water while stirring, and adjust the final volume to 100 ml using additional water. Shake well to mix the solution.

7.1.4 Silica Gel. Indicating type, 6 to 16 mesh. If previously used, dry at 180 °C (350 °F) for 2 hours. New silica gel may be used as received. Alternatively, other types of desiccants may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

7.1.5 Alkaline Adsorbing Solution, 0.1 N Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH). To prepare 100 ml of the scrubber solution for the third and fourth impinger, dissolve 0.40 g of solid NaOH in about 90 ml of water, and adjust the final

solution volume to 100 ml using additional water. Shake well to mix the solution.

7.1.6 Sodium Thiosulfate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

7.2 Sample Preparation and Analysis.

7.2.1 Water. Same as in section 7.1.2.

7.2.2 Absorbing Solution Blanks. A separate blank solution of each absorbing reagent should be prepared for analysis with the field samples. Dilute 30 ml of each absorbing solution to approximately the same final volume as the field samples using the blank sample of rinse water.

7.2.3 Halide Salt Stock Standard Solutions. Prepare concentrated stock solutions from reagent grade sodium chloride ( $\text{NaCl}$ ), sodium bromide ( $\text{NaBr}$ ), and sodium fluoride ( $\text{NaF}$ ). Each must be dried at  $110^\circ\text{C}$  ( $230^\circ\text{F}$ ) for two or more hours and then cooled to room temperature in a desiccator immediately before weighing. Accurately weigh 1.6 to 1.7 g of the dried  $\text{NaCl}$  to within 0.1 mg, dissolve in water, and dilute to 1 liter. Calculate the exact  $\text{Cl}^-$  concentration using Equation 26-1 in section 12.2. In a similar manner, accurately weigh and solubilize 1.2 to 1.3 g of dried  $\text{NaBr}$  and 2.2 to 2.3 g of  $\text{NaF}$  to make 1-liter solutions. Use Equations 26-2 and 26-3 in section 12.2, to calculate the  $\text{Br}^-$  and  $\text{F}^-$  concentrations. Alternately, solutions containing a nominal certified concentration of 1000 mg/l  $\text{NaCl}$  are commercially available as convenient stock solutions from which standards can be made by appropriate volumetric dilution. Refrigerate the stock standard solutions and store no longer than one month.

7.2.4 Chromatographic Eluent. Effective eluents for nonsuppressed IC using a resin- or silica-based weak ion exchange column are a 4 mM potassium hydrogen phthalate solution, adjusted to pH 4.0 using a saturated sodium borate solution, and a 4 mM 4-hydroxy benzoate solution, adjusted to pH 8.6 using 1 N  $\text{NaOH}$ . An effective eluent for suppressed ion chromatography is a solution containing 3 mM sodium bicarbonate and 2.4 mM sodium carbonate. Other dilute solutions buffered to a similar pH and containing no interfering ions may be used. When using suppressed ion chromatography, if the "water dip" resulting from sample injection interferes with the chloride peak, use a 2 mM  $\text{NaOH}/2.4$  mM sodium bicarbonate eluent.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

NOTE: Because of the complexity of this method, testers and analyst should be trained and experienced with the procedure to ensure reliable results.

8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Preparation of Collection Train. Prepare the sampling train as follows: Pour 15 ml of the acidic absorbing solution into each one of the first pair of impingers, and 15 ml of the alkaline absorbing solution into each

one of the second pair of impingers. Connect the impingers in series with the knockout impinger first, if used, followed by the two impingers containing the acidic absorbing solution and the two impingers containing the alkaline absorbing solution. Place a fresh charge of silica gel, or equivalent, in the drying tube or impinger at the end of the impinger train.

8.1.2 Adjust the probe temperature and the temperature of the filter and the stopcock (*i.e.*, the heated area in Figure 26-1) to a temperature sufficient to prevent water condensation. This temperature must be maintained between  $120$  and  $134^\circ\text{C}$  ( $248$  and  $273^\circ\text{F}$ ). The temperature should be monitored throughout a sampling run to ensure that the desired temperature is maintained. It is important to maintain a temperature around the probe and filter in this range since it is extremely difficult to purge acid gases off these components. (These components are not quantitatively recovered and, hence, any collection of acid gases on these components would result in potential underreporting of these emissions. The applicable subparts may specify alternative higher temperatures.)

8.1.3 Leak-Check Procedure.

8.1.3.1 Sampling Train. A leak-check prior to the sampling run is optional; however, a leak-check after the sampling run is mandatory. The leak-check procedure is as follows: Temporarily attach a suitable [*e.g.*, 0-40 cc/min (0-2.4 in<sup>3</sup>/min)] rotameter to the outlet of the dry gas meter and place a vacuum gauge at or near the probe inlet. Plug the probe inlet, pull a vacuum of at least 250 mm Hg (10 in. Hg), and note the flow rate as indicated by the rotameter. A leakage rate not in excess of 2 percent of the average sampling rate is acceptable.

NOTE: Carefully release the probe inlet plug before turning off the pump.

8.1.3.2 Pump. It is suggested (not mandatory) that the pump be leak-checked separately, either prior to or after the sampling run. If done prior to the sampling run, the pump leak-check shall precede the leak-check of the sampling train described immediately above; if done after the sampling run, the pump leak-check shall follow the train leak-check. To leak-check the pump, proceed as follows: Disconnect the drying tube from the probe-impinger assembly. Place a vacuum gauge at the inlet to either the drying tube or pump, pull a vacuum of 250 mm (10 in) Hg, plug or pinch off the outlet of the flow meter, and then turn off the pump. The vacuum should remain stable for at least 30 sec. Other leak-check procedures may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

8.1.4 Purge Procedure. Immediately before sampling, connect the purge line to the stopcock, and turn the stopcock to permit the purge pump to purge the probe (see Figure 1A of Figure 26-1). Turn on the purge pump, and adjust the purge rate to 2 liters/min (0.07 ft<sup>3</sup>/min). Purge for at least 5 minutes before sampling.

8.1.5 Sample Collection. Turn on the sampling pump, pull a slight vacuum of approximately 25 mm Hg (1 in Hg) on the impinger train, and turn the stopcock to permit stack gas to be pulled through the impinger train (see Figure 1C of Figure 26-1). Adjust the sampling rate to 2 liters/min, as indicated by the rate meter, and maintain this rate to within 10 percent during the entire sampling run. Take readings of the dry gas meter volume and temperature, rate meter, and vacuum gauge at least once every five minutes during the run. A sampling time of one hour is recommended. Shorter sampling times may introduce a significant negative bias in the HCl concentration. At the conclusion of the sampling run, remove the train from the stack, cool, and perform a leak-check as described in section 8.1.3.1.

#### 8.2 Sample Recovery.

8.2.1 Disconnect the impingers after sampling. Quantitatively transfer the contents of the acid impingers and the knockout impinger, if used, to a leak-free storage bottle. Add the water rinses of each of these impingers and connecting glassware to the storage bottle.

8.2.2 Repeat this procedure for the alkaline impingers and connecting glassware using a separate storage bottle. Add 25 mg of sodium thiosulfate per the product of ppm of halogen anticipated to be in the stack gas times the volume (dscm) of stack gas sampled (0.7 mg per ppm-dscf).

NOTE: This amount of sodium thiosulfate includes a safety factor of approximately 5 to assure complete reaction with the hypohalous acid to form a second Cl<sup>-</sup> ion in the alkaline solution.

8.2.3 Save portions of the absorbing reagents (0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 0.1 N NaOH) equivalent to the amount used in the sampling train (these are the absorbing solution blanks described in section 7.2.2); dilute to the approximate volume of the corresponding samples using rinse water directly from the wash bottle being used. Add the same amount of sodium thiosulfate solution to the 0.1 N NaOH absorbing solution blank. Also, save a portion of the rinse water used to rinse the sampling train. Place each in a separate, pre-labeled storage bottle. The sample storage bottles should be sealed, shaken to mix, and labeled. Mark the fluid level.

8.3 Sample Preparation for Analysis. Note the liquid levels in the storage bottles and confirm on the analysis sheet whether or not

leakage occurred during transport. If a noticeable leakage has occurred, either void the sample or use methods, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to correct the final results. Quantitatively transfer the sample solutions to 100-ml volumetric flasks, and dilute to 100 ml with water.

#### 9.0 Quality Control [Reserved]

#### 10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a laboratory log of all calibrations.

10.1 Volume Metering System, Temperature Sensors, Rate Meter, and Barometer. Same as in Method 6, sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4.

#### 10.2 Ion Chromatograph.

10.2.1 To prepare the calibration standards, dilute given amounts (1.0 ml or greater) of the stock standard solutions to convenient volumes, using 0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or 0.1 N NaOH, as appropriate. Prepare at least four calibration standards for each absorbing reagent containing the appropriate stock solutions such that they are within the linear range of the field samples.

10.2.2 Using one of the standards in each series, ensure adequate baseline separation for the peaks of interest.

10.2.3 Inject the appropriate series of calibration standards, starting with the lowest concentration standard first both before and after injection of the quality control check sample, reagent blanks, and field samples. This allows compensation for any instrument drift occurring during sample analysis. The values from duplicate injections of these calibration samples should agree within 5 percent of their mean for the analysis to be valid.

10.2.4 Determine the peak areas, or heights, for the standards and plot individual values versus halide ion concentrations in µg/ml.

10.2.5 Draw a smooth curve through the points. Use linear regression to calculate a formula describing the resulting linear curve.

#### 11.0 Analytical Procedures

#### 11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 The IC conditions will depend upon analytical column type and whether suppressed or non-suppressed IC is used. An example chromatogram from a non-suppressed system using a 150-mm Hamilton PRP-X100 anion column, a 2 ml/min flow rate of a 4 mM 4-hydroxy benzoate solution adjusted to a pH of 8.6 using 1 N NaOH, a 50 µl sample loop, and a conductivity detector set on 1.0 µS full scale is shown in Figure 26-2.

11.1.2 Before sample analysis, establish a stable baseline. Next, inject a sample of water, and determine if any Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, or F<sup>-</sup> appears in the chromatogram. If any of these ions are present, repeat the load/injection

procedure until they are no longer present. Analysis of the acid and alkaline absorbing solution samples requires separate standard calibration curves; prepare each according to section 10.2. Ensure adequate baseline separation of the analyses.

11.1.3 Between injections of the appropriate series of calibration standards, inject in duplicate the reagent blanks, quality control sample, and the field samples. Measure the areas or heights of the Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, and F<sup>-</sup> peaks. Use the mean response of the duplicate injections to determine the concentrations of the field samples and reagent blanks using the linear calibration curve. The values from duplicate injections should agree within 5 percent of their mean for the analysis to be valid. If the values of duplicate injections are not within 5 percent of the mean, the duplicate injections shall be repeated and all four values used to determine the average response. Dilute any sample and the blank with equal volumes of water if the concentration exceeds that of the highest standard.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: Retain at least one extra decimal figure beyond those contained in the avail-

able data in intermediate calculations, and round off only the final answer appropriately.

12.1 Nomenclature.

- B<sub>X<sup>-</sup></sub> = Mass concentration of applicable absorbing solution blank, µg halide ion (Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>)/ml, not to exceed 1 µg/ml which is 10 times the published analytical detection limit of 0.1 µg/ml.
- C = Concentration of hydrogen halide (HX) or halogen (X<sub>2</sub>), dry basis, mg/dscm.
- K = 10<sup>-3</sup> mg/µg.
- K<sub>HCl</sub> = 1.028 (µg HCl/µg-mole)/(µg Cl<sup>-</sup>/µg-mole).
- K<sub>HBr</sub> = 1.013 (µg HBr/µg-mole)/(µg Br<sup>-</sup>/µg-mole).
- K<sub>HF</sub> = 1.053 (µg HF/µg-mole)/(µg F<sup>-</sup>/µg-mole).
- m<sub>HX</sub> = Mass of HCl, HBr, or HF in sample, µg.
- m<sub>X<sub>2</sub></sub> = Mass of Cl<sub>2</sub> or Br<sub>2</sub> in sample, µg.
- S<sub>X<sup>-</sup></sub> = Analysis of sample, µg halide ion (Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>)/ml.
- V<sub>m(std)</sub> = Dry gas volume measured by the dry gas meter, corrected to standard conditions, dscm.
- V<sub>s</sub> = Volume of filtered and diluted sample, ml.

12.2 Calculate the exact Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, and F<sup>-</sup> concentration in the halide salt stock standard solutions using the following equations.

$$\mu\text{g Cl}^-/\text{ml} = \text{g of NaCl} \times 10^3 \times 35.453/58.44 \quad \text{Eq. 26-1}$$

$$\mu\text{g Br}^-/\text{ml} = \text{g of NaBr} \times 10^3 \times 79.904/102.90 \quad \text{Eq. 26-2}$$

$$\mu\text{g F}^-/\text{ml} = \text{g of NaF} \times 10^3 \times 18.998/41.99 \quad \text{Eq. 26-3}$$

12.3 Sample Volume, Dry Basis, Corrected to Standard Conditions. Calculate the sample volume using Eq. 6-1 of Method 6.

12.4 Total µg HCl, HBr, or HF Per Sample.

$$m_{\text{HX}} = K_{\text{HCl, HBr, HF}} V_s (S_{\text{X}^-} - B_{\text{X}^-}) \quad \text{Eq. 26-4}$$

12.5 Total µg Cl<sub>2</sub> or Br<sub>2</sub> Per Sample.

$$M_{\text{X}_2} = V_s (S_{\text{X}^-} - B_{\text{X}^-}) \quad \text{Eq. 26-5}$$

12.6 Concentration of Hydrogen Halide or Halogen in Flue Gas.

$$C = K m_{\text{XH.X}_2} / V_{\text{m(std)}} \quad \text{Eq. 26-6}$$

13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Precision and Bias. The within-laboratory relative standard deviations are 6.2 and 3.2 percent at HCl concentrations of 3.9 and 15.3 ppm, respectively. The method does not

exhibit a bias to  $\text{Cl}_2$  when sampling at concentrations less than 50 ppm.

13.2 Sample Stability. The collected  $\text{Cl}^-$  samples can be stored for up to 4 weeks.

13.3 Detection Limit. A typical IC instrumental detection limit for  $\text{Cl}^-$  is 0.2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ . Detection limits for the other analyses should be similar. Assuming 50 ml liquid recovered from both the acidified impingers, and the basic impingers, and 0.12 dscm (4.24 dscf) of stack gas sampled, then the analytical detection limit in the stack gas would be about 0.05 ppm for HCl and  $\text{Cl}_2$ , respectively.

#### 14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

#### 15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

#### 16.0 Alternative Procedures

Method 26A. Method 26A, which uses isokinetic sampling equipment, is an acceptable alternative to Method 26.

#### 17.0 References

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#### 18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data



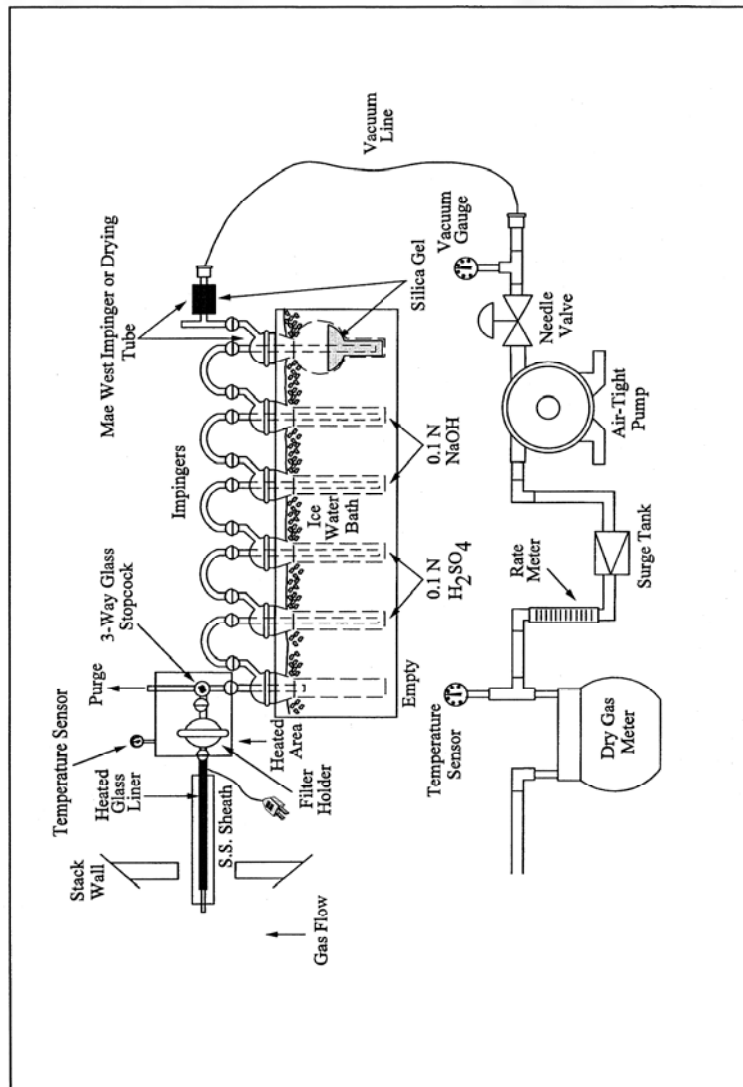


Figure 26-1. Sampling Train.

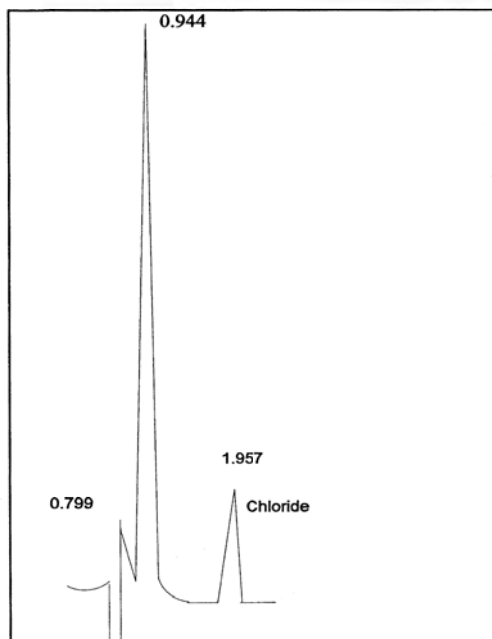


Figure 26-2. Example Chromatogram.

**METHOD 26A—DETERMINATION OF HYDROGEN HALIDE AND HALOGEN EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES ISOKINETIC METHOD**

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (e.g., equipment and supplies) and procedures (e.g., sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 2, Method 5, and Method 26.

*1.0 Scope and Application*

**1.1 Analytes.**

Analytes	CAS No.
Hydrogen Chloride (HCl) .....	7647-01-0
Hydrogen Bromide (HBr) .....	10035-10-6
Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) .....	7664-39-3
Chlorine (Cl <sub>2</sub> ) .....	7882-50-5
Bromine (Br <sub>2</sub> ) .....	7726-95-6

1.2 This method is applicable for determining emissions of hydrogen halides (HX) [HCl, HBr, and HF] and halogens (X<sub>2</sub>) [Cl<sub>2</sub> and Br<sub>2</sub>] from stationary sources when specified by the applicable subpart. This method collects the emission sample isokinetically and is therefore particularly suited for sam-

pling at sources, such as those controlled by wet scrubbers, emitting acid particulate matter (e.g., hydrogen halides dissolved in water droplets).

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

*2.0 Summary of Method*

2.1 Principle. Gaseous and particulate pollutants are withdrawn isokinetically from the source and collected in an optional cyclone, on a filter, and in absorbing solutions. The cyclone collects any liquid droplets and is not necessary if the source emissions do not contain them; however, it is preferable to include the cyclone in the sampling train to protect the filter from any liquid present. The filter collects particulate matter including halide salts but is not routinely recovered or analyzed. Acidic and alkaline absorbing solutions collect the gaseous hydrogen halides and halogens, respectively. Following sampling of emissions containing liquid droplets, any halides/halogens dissolved in the liquid in the cyclone and on the filter are vaporized to gas and collected in the impingers by pulling conditioned ambient air through the sampling train. The hydrogen halides are solubilized in the acidic solution and form chloride (Cl<sup>-</sup>), bromide (Br<sup>-</sup>),

and fluoride ( $F^-$ ) ions. The halogens have a very low solubility in the acidic solution and pass through to the alkaline solution where they are hydrolyzed to form a proton ( $H^+$ ), the halide ion, and the hypohalous acid ( $HClO$  or  $HBrO$ ). Sodium thiosulfate is added to the alkaline solution to assure reaction with the hypohalous acid to form a second halide ion such that 2 halide ions are formed for each molecule of halogen gas. The halide ions in the separate solutions are measured by ion chromatography (IC). If desired, the particulate matter recovered from the filter and the probe is analyzed following the procedures in Method 5.

NOTE: If the tester intends to use this sampling arrangement to sample concurrently for particulate matter, the alternative Teflon probe liner, cyclone, and filter holder should not be used. The Teflon filter support must be used. The tester must also meet the probe and filter temperature requirements of both sampling trains.

### 3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

#### 4.0 Interferences

4.1 Volatile materials, such as chlorine dioxide ( $ClO_2$ ) and ammonium chloride ( $NH_4Cl$ ), which produce halide ions upon dissolution during sampling are potential interferences. Interferents for the halide measurements are the halogen gases which disproportionate to a hydrogen halide and a hypohalous acid upon dissolution in water. The use of acidic rather than neutral or basic solutions for collection of the hydrogen halides greatly reduces the dissolution of any halogens passing through this solution.

4.2 The simultaneous presence of both  $HBr$  and  $Cl_2$  may cause a positive bias in the  $HCl$  result with a corresponding negative bias in the  $Cl_2$  result as well as affecting the  $HBr/Br_2$  split.

4.3 High concentrations of nitrogen oxides ( $NO_x$ ) may produce sufficient nitrate ( $NO_3^-$ ) to interfere with measurements of very low  $Br^-$  levels. Dissociating chloride salts (*e.g.*, ammonium chloride) at elevated temperatures interfere with halogen acid measurement in this method. Maintaining particulate probe/filter temperatures between 120 °C and 134 °C (248 °F and 273 °F) minimizes this interference.

4.4 There is anecdotal evidence that HF may be outgassed from new Teflon components. If HF is a target analyte then preconditioning of new Teflon components, by heating, should be considered.

### 5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to es-

tablish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations before performing this test method.

5.2 Corrosive Reagents. The following reagents are hazardous. Personal protective equipment and safe procedures are useful in preventing chemical splashes. If contact occurs, immediately flush with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove clothing under shower and decontaminate. Treat residual chemical burns as thermal burns.

5.2.1 Sodium Hydroxide ( $NaOH$ ). Causes severe damage to eyes and skin. Inhalation causes irritation to nose, throat, and lungs. Reacts exothermically with limited amounts of water.

5.2.2 Sulfuric Acid ( $H_2SO_4$ ). Rapidly destructive to body tissue. Will cause third degree burns. Eye damage may result in blindness. Inhalation may be fatal from spasm of the larynx, usually within 30 minutes. May cause lung tissue damage with edema. 1 mg/ $m^3$  for 8 hours will cause lung damage or, in higher concentrations, death. Provide ventilation to limit inhalation. Reacts violently with metals and organics.

### 6.0. Equipment and Supplies

NOTE: Mention of trade names or specific products does not constitute endorsement by the Environmental Protection Agency.

6.1 Sampling. The sampling train is shown in Figure 26A-1; the apparatus is similar to the Method 5 train where noted as follows:

6.1.1 Probe Nozzle. Borosilicate or quartz glass; constructed and calibrated according to Method 5, sections 6.1.1.1 and 10.1, and coupled to the probe liner using a Teflon union; a stainless steel nut is recommended for this union. When the stack temperature exceeds 210 °C (410 °F), a one-piece glass nozzle/liner assembly must be used.

6.1.2 Probe Liner. Same as Method 5, section 6.1.1.2, except metal liners shall not be used. Water-cooling of the stainless steel sheath is recommended at temperatures exceeding 500 °C (932 °F). Teflon may be used in limited applications where the minimum stack temperature exceeds 120 °C (250 °F) but never exceeds the temperature where Teflon is estimated to become unstable [approximately 210 °C (410 °F)].

6.1.3 Pitot Tube, Differential Pressure Gauge, Filter Heating System, Metering System, Barometer, Gas Density Determination Equipment. Same as Method 5, sections 6.1.1.3, 6.1.1.4, 6.1.1.6, 6.1.1.9, 6.1.2, and 6.1.3.

6.1.4 Cyclone (Optional). Glass or Teflon. Use of the cyclone is required only when the sample gas stream is saturated with moisture; however, the cyclone is recommended to protect the filter from any liquid droplets present.

6.1.5 Filter Holder. Borosilicate or quartz glass, or Teflon filter holder, with a Teflon filter support and a sealing gasket. The sealing gasket shall be constructed of Teflon or equivalent materials. The holder design shall provide a positive seal against leakage at any point along the filter circumference. The holder shall be attached immediately to the outlet of the cyclone.

6.1.6 Impinger Train. The following system shall be used to determine the stack gas moisture content and to collect the hydrogen halides and halogens: five or six impingers connected in series with leak-free ground glass fittings or any similar leak-free noncontaminating fittings. The first impinger shown in Figure 26A-1 (knockout or condensate impinger) is optional and is recommended as a water knockout trap for use under high moisture conditions. If used, this impinger should be constructed as described below for the alkaline impingers, but with a shortened stem, and should contain 50 ml of 0.1 N  $H_2SO_4$ . The following two impingers (acid impingers which each contain 100 ml of 0.1 N  $H_2SO_4$ ) shall be of the Greenburg-Smith design with the standard tip (Method 5, section 6.1.1.8). The next two impingers (alkaline impingers which each contain 100 ml of 0.1 N NaOH) and the last impinger (containing silica gel) shall be of the modified Greenburg-Smith design (Method 5, section 6.1.1.8). The condensate, acid, and alkaline impingers shall contain known quantities of the appropriate absorbing reagents. The last impinger shall contain a known weight of silica gel or equivalent desiccant. Teflon impingers are an acceptable alternative.

6.1.7 Heating System. Any heating system capable of maintaining a temperature around the probe and filter holder between 120 and 134 °C (248 to 273 °F) during sampling, or such other temperature as specified by an applicable subpart of the standards or approved by the Administrator for a particular application.

6.1.8 Ambient Air Conditioning Tube (Optional). Tube tightly packed with approximately 150 g of fresh 8 to 20 mesh sodium hydroxide-coated silica, or equivalent, (Ascarite II has been found suitable) to dry and remove acid gases from the ambient air used to remove moisture from the filter and cyclone, when the cyclone is used. The inlet and outlet ends of the tube should be packed with at least 1-cm thickness of glass wool or filter material suitable to prevent escape of fines. Fit one end with flexible tubing, etc. to allow connection to probe nozzle following the test run.

#### 6.2 Sample Recovery

6.2.1 Probe-Liner and Probe-Nozzle Brushes, Wash Bottles, Glass Sample Storage Containers, Petri Dishes, Graduated Cylinder and/or Balance, and Rubber Policeman. Same as Method 5, sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.2.4, 6.2.5, and 6.2.7.

6.2.2 Plastic Storage Containers. Screw-cap polypropylene or polyethylene containers to store silica gel. High-density polyethylene bottles with Teflon screw cap liners to store impinger reagents, 1-liter.

6.2.3 Funnels. Glass or high-density polyethylene, to aid in sample recovery.

#### 6.3 Sample Preparation and Analysis

6.3.1 Volumetric Flasks. Class A, various sizes.

6.3.2 Volumetric Pipettes. Class A, assortment. To dilute samples to calibration range of the ion chromatograph (IC).

6.3.3 Ion Chromatograph (IC). Suppressed or nonsuppressed, with a conductivity detector and electronic integrator operating in the peak area mode. Other detectors, a strip chart recorder, and peak heights may be used.

#### 7.0 Reagents and Standards

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents must conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society (ACS reagent grade). When such specifications are not available, the best available grade shall be used.

##### 7.1 Sampling

7.1.1 Filter. Teflon mat (*e.g.*, Pallflex TX40HI45) filter. When the stack gas temperature exceeds 210 °C (410 °F) a quartz fiber filter may be used.

7.1.2 Water. Deionized, distilled water that conforms to American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specification D 1193-77 or 91, Type 3 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

7.1.3 Acidic Absorbing Solution. 0.1 N Sulfuric Acid ( $H_2SO_4$ ). To prepare 1 L, slowly add 2.80 ml of concentrated 17.9 M  $H_2SO_4$  to about 900 ml of water while stirring, and adjust the final volume to 1 L using additional water. Shake well to mix the solution.

7.1.4 Silica Gel, Crushed Ice, and Stopcock Grease. Same as Method 5, sections 7.1.2, 7.1.4, and 7.1.5, respectively.

7.1.5 Alkaline Absorbing Solution. 0.1 N Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH). To prepare 1 L, dissolve 4.00 g of solid NaOH in about 900 ml of water and adjust the final volume to 1 L using additional water. Shake well to mix the solution.

7.1.6 Sodium Thiosulfate, ( $Na_2S_2O_3 \cdot 3.5 H_2O$ ).

##### 7.2 Sample Preparation and Analysis

7.2.1 Water. Same as in section 7.1.2.

7.2.2 Absorbing Solution Blanks. A separate blank solution of each absorbing reagent should be prepared for analysis with the field samples. Dilute 200 ml of each absorbing solution (250 ml of the acidic absorbing solution, if a condensate impinger is used) to the same final volume as the field samples using the blank sample of rinse water. If a particulate determination is conducted, collect a blank sample of acetone.

7.2.3 Halide Salt Stock Standard Solutions. Prepare concentrated stock solutions from reagent grade sodium chloride (NaCl), sodium bromide (NaBr), and sodium fluoride (NaF). Each must be dried at 110 °C (230 °F) for two or more hours and then cooled to room temperature in a desiccator immediately before weighing. Accurately weigh 1.6 to 1.7 g of the dried NaCl to within 0.1 mg, dissolve in water, and dilute to 1 liter. Calculate the exact Cl<sup>-</sup> concentration using Equation 26A-1 in section 12.2. In a similar manner, accurately weigh and solubilize 1.2 to 1.3 g of dried NaBr and 2.2 to 2.3 g of NaF to make 1-liter solutions. Use Equations 26A-2 and 26A-3 in section 12.2, to calculate the Br<sup>-</sup> and F<sup>-</sup> concentrations. Alternately, solutions containing a nominal certified concentration of 1000 mg/L NaCl are commercially available as convenient stock solutions from which standards can be made by appropriate volumetric dilution. Refrigerate the stock standard solutions and store no longer than one month.

7.2.4 Chromatographic Eluent. Same as Method 26, section 7.2.4.

7.2.5 Water. Same as section 7.1.1.

7.2.6 Acetone. Same as Method 5, section 7.2.

#### 8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

NOTE: Because of the complexity of this method, testers and analysts should be trained and experienced with the procedures to ensure reliable results.

##### 8.1 Sampling.

8.1.1 Pretest Preparation. Follow the general procedure given in Method 5, section 8.1, except the filter need only be desiccated and weighed if a particulate determination will be conducted.

8.1.2 Preliminary Determinations. Same as Method 5, section 8.2.

8.1.3 Preparation of Sampling Train. Follow the general procedure given in Method 5, section 8.1.3, except for the following variations: Add 50 ml of 0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to the condensate impinger, if used. Place 100 ml of 0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in each of the next two impingers. Place 100 ml of 0.1 N NaOH in each of the following two impingers. Finally, transfer approximately 200-300 g of preweighed silica gel from its container to the last impinger. Set up the train as in Figure 26A-1. When used, the optional cyclone is inserted between the probe liner and filter holder and located in the heated filter box.

8.1.4 Leak-Check Procedures. Follow the leak-check procedures given in Method 5, sections 8.4.2 (Pretest Leak-Check), 8.4.3 (Leak-Checks During the Sample Run), and 8.4.4 (Post-Test Leak-Check).

8.1.5 Sampling Train Operation. Follow the general procedure given in Method 5, Section 8.5. It is important to maintain a

temperature around the probe, filter (and cyclone, if used) between 120 and 134 °C (248 and 273 °F) since it is extremely difficult to purge acid gases off these components. (These components are not quantitatively recovered and hence any collection of acid gases on these components would result in potential underreporting these emissions. The applicable subparts may specify alternative higher temperatures.) For each run, record the data required on a data sheet such as the one shown in Method 5, Figure 5-3. If the condensate impinger becomes too full, it may be emptied, recharged with 50 ml of 0.1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and replaced during the sample run. The condensate emptied must be saved and included in the measurement of the volume of moisture collected and included in the sample for analysis. The additional 50 ml of absorbing reagent must also be considered in calculating the moisture. Before the sampling train integrity is compromised by removing the impinger, conduct a leak-check as described in Method 5, Section 8.4.2.

8.1.6 Post-Test Moisture Removal (Optional). When the optional cyclone is included in the sampling train or when liquid is visible on the filter at the end of a sample run even in the absence of a cyclone, perform the following procedure. Upon completion of the test run, connect the ambient air conditioning tube at the probe inlet and operate the train with the filter heating system between 120 and 134 °C (248 and 273 °F) at a low flow rate (*e.g.*, ΔH = 1 in. H<sub>2</sub>O) to vaporize any liquid and hydrogen halides in the cyclone or on the filter and pull them through the train into the impingers. After 30 minutes, turn off the flow, remove the conditioning tube, and examine the cyclone and filter for any visible liquid. If liquid is visible, repeat this step for 15 minutes and observe again. Keep repeating until the cyclone is dry.

NOTE: It is critical that this procedure is repeated until the cyclone is completely dry.

8.2 Sample Recovery. Allow the probe to cool. When the probe can be handled safely, wipe off all the external surfaces of the tip of the probe nozzle and place a cap loosely over the tip to prevent gaining or losing particulate matter. Do not cap the probe tip tightly while the sampling train is cooling down because this will create a vacuum in the filter holder, drawing water from the impingers into the holder. Before moving the sampling train to the cleanup site, remove the probe from the sample train, wipe off any silicone grease, and cap the open outlet of the impinger train, being careful not to lose any condensate that might be present. Wipe off any silicone grease and cap the filter or cyclone inlet. Remove the umbilical cord from the last impinger and cap the impinger. If a flexible line is used between the first impinger and the filter holder, disconnect it at

the filter holder and let any condensed water drain into the first impinger. Wipe off any silicone grease and cap the filter holder outlet and the impinger inlet. Ground glass stoppers, plastic caps, serum caps, Teflon tape, Parafilm, or aluminum foil may be used to close these openings. Transfer the probe and filter/impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area should be clean and protected from the weather to minimize sample contamination or loss. Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly and note any abnormal conditions. Treat samples as follows:

8.2.1 Container No. 1 (Optional; Filter Catch for Particulate Determination). Same as Method 5, section 8.7.6.1. Container No. 1.

8.2.2 Container No. 2 (Optional; Front Half Rinse for Particulate Determination). Same as Method 5, section 8.7.6.2. Container No. 2.

8.2.3 Container No. 3 (Knockout and Acid Impinger Catch for Moisture and Hydrogen Halide Determination). Disconnect the impingers. Measure the liquid in the acid and knockout impingers to  $\pm 1$  ml by using a graduated cylinder or by weighing it to  $\pm 0.5$  g by using a balance. Record the volume or weight of liquid present. This information is required to calculate the moisture content of the effluent gas. Quantitatively transfer this liquid to a leak-free sample storage container. Rinse these impingers and connecting glassware including the back portion of the filter holder (and flexible tubing, if used) with water and add these rinses to the storage container. Seal the container, shake to mix, and label. The fluid level should be marked so that if any sample is lost during transport, a correction proportional to the lost volume can be applied. Retain rinse water and acidic absorbing solution blanks to be analyzed with the samples.

8.2.4 Container No. 4 (Alkaline Impinger Catch for Halogen and Moisture Determination). Measure and record the liquid in the alkaline impingers as described in section 8.2.3. Quantitatively transfer this liquid to a

leak-free sample storage container. Rinse these two impingers and connecting glassware with water and add these rinses to the container. Add 25 mg of sodium thiosulfate per ppm halogen anticipated to be in the stack gas multiplied by the volume (dscm) of stack gas sampled (0.7 mg/ppm-dscf). Seal the container, shake to mix, and label; mark the fluid level. Retain alkaline absorbing solution blank to be analyzed with the samples.

NOTE: 25 mg per sodium thiosulfate per ppm halogen anticipated to be in the stack includes a safety factor of approximately 5 to assure complete reaction with the hypohalous acid to form a second  $Cl^-$  ion in the alkaline solution.

8.2.5 Container No. 5 (Silica Gel for Moisture Determination). Same as Method 5, section 8.7.6.3, Container No. 3.

8.2.6 Container Nos. 6 through 9 (Reagent Blanks). Save portions of the absorbing reagents (0.1 N  $H_2SO_4$  and 0.1 N NaOH) equivalent to the amount used in the sampling train; dilute to the approximate volume of the corresponding samples using rinse water directly from the wash bottle being used. Add the same ratio of sodium thiosulfate solution used in container No. 4 to the 0.1 N NaOH absorbing reagent blank. Also, save a portion of the rinse water alone and a portion of the acetone equivalent to the amount used to rinse the front half of the sampling train. Place each in a separate, pre-labeled sample container.

8.2.7 Prior to shipment, recheck all sample containers to ensure that the caps are well-secured. Seal the lids of all containers around the circumference with Teflon tape. Ship all liquid samples upright and all particulate filters with the particulate catch facing upward.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.1.4, 10.1	Sampling equipment leak-check and calibration.	Ensure accurate measurement of stack gas flow rate, sample volume.

9.2 Volume Metering System Checks. Same as Method 5, section 9.2.

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

NOTE: Maintain a laboratory log of all calibrations.

10.1 Probe Nozzle, Pitot Tube Assembly, Dry Gas Metering System, Probe Heater, Temperature Sensors, Leak-Check of Metering System, and Barometer. Same as Method 5, sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 8.4.1, and 10.6, respectively.

10.2 Ion Chromatograph.

10.2.1 To prepare the calibration standards, dilute given amounts (1.0 ml or greater) of the stock standard solutions to convenient volumes, using 0.1 N  $H_2SO_4$  or 0.1 N NaOH, as appropriate. Prepare at least four calibration standards for each absorbing reagent containing the three stock solutions such that they are within the linear range of the field samples.

10.2.2 Using one of the standards in each series, ensure adequate baseline separation for the peaks of interest.

10.2.3 Inject the appropriate series of calibration standards, starting with the lowest concentration standard first both before and after injection of the quality control check sample, reagent blanks, and field samples. This allows compensation for any instrument drift occurring during sample analysis. The values from duplicate injections of these calibration samples should agree within 5 percent of their mean for the analysis to be valid.

10.2.4 Determine the peak areas, or height, of the standards and plot individual values versus halide ion concentrations in µg/ml.

10.2.5 Draw a smooth curve through the points. Use linear regression to calculate a formula describing the resulting linear curve.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

NOTE: The liquid levels in the sample containers and confirm on the analysis sheet whether or not leakage occurred during transport. If a noticeable leakage has occurred, either void the sample or use methods, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to correct the final results.

11.1 Sample Analysis.

11.1.1 The IC conditions will depend upon analytical column type and whether suppressed or non-suppressed IC is used. An example chromatogram from a non-suppressed system using a 150-mm Hamilton PRP-X100 anion column, a 2 ml/min flow rate of a 4 mM 4-hydroxy benzoate solution adjusted to a pH of 8.6 using 1 N NaOH, a 50 µl sample loop, and a conductivity detector set on 1.0 µS full scale is shown in Figure 26-2.

11.1.2 Before sample analysis, establish a stable baseline. Next, inject a sample of water, and determine if any Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, or F<sup>-</sup> appears in the chromatogram. If any of these ions are present, repeat the load/injection procedure until they are no longer present. Analysis of the acid and alkaline absorbing solution samples requires separate standard calibration curves; prepare each according to section 10.2. Ensure adequate baseline separation of the analyses.

11.1.3 Between injections of the appropriate series of calibration standards, inject in duplicate the reagent blanks, quality control sample, and the field samples. Measure the

areas or heights of the Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, and F<sup>-</sup> peaks. Use the mean response of the duplicate injections to determine the concentrations of the field samples and reagent blanks using the linear calibration curve. The values from duplicate injections should agree within 5 percent of their mean for the analysis to be valid. If the values of duplicate injections are not within 5 percent of the mean, the duplicator injections shall be repeated and all four values used to determine the average response. Dilute any sample and the blank with equal volumes of water if the concentration exceeds that of the highest standard.

11.2 Container Nos. 1 and 2 and Acetone Blank (Optional: Particulate Determination). Same as Method 5, sections 11.2.1 and 11.2.2, respectively.

11.3 Container No. 5. Same as Method 5, section 11.2.3 for silica gel.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

NOTE: Retain at least one extra decimal figure beyond those contained in the available data in intermediate calculations, and round off only the final answer appropriately.

12.1 Nomenclature. Same as Method 5, section 12.1. In addition:

B<sub>x</sub> = Mass concentration of applicable absorbing solution blank, µg halide ion (Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>)/ml, not to exceed 1 µg/ml which is 10 times the published analytical detection limit of 0.1 µg/ml. (It is also approximately 5 percent of the mass concentration anticipated to result from a one hour sample at 10 ppmv HCl.)

C = Concentration of hydrogen halide (HX) or halogen (X<sub>2</sub>), dry basis, mg/dscm.

K = 10<sup>-3</sup> mg/µg.

K<sub>HCl</sub> = 1.028 (µg HCl/µg-mole)/(µg Cl<sup>-</sup>/µg-mole).

K<sub>HBr</sub> = 1.013 (µg HBr/µg-mole)/(µg Br<sup>-</sup>/µg-mole).

K<sub>HF</sub> = 1.053 (µg HF/µg-mole)/(µg F<sup>-</sup>/µg-mole).

m<sub>HX</sub> = Mass of HCl, HBr, or HF in sample, µg.

m<sub>X<sub>2</sub></sub> = Mass of Cl<sub>2</sub> or Br<sub>2</sub> in sample, µg.

S<sub>x-</sub> = Analysis of sample, µg halide ion (Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>)/ml.

V<sub>s</sub> = Volume of filtered and diluted sample, ml.

12.2 Calculate the exact Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, and F<sup>-</sup> concentration in the halide salt stock standard solutions using the following equations.

$$\mu\text{g Cl}^-/\text{ml} = \text{g of NaCl} \times 10^3 \times 35.453/58.44 \quad \text{Eq. 26A-1}$$

$$\mu\text{g Br}^-/\text{ml} = \text{g of NaBr} \times 10^3 \times 79.904/102.90 \quad \text{Eq. 26A-2}$$

$$\mu\text{g F}^-/\text{ml} = \text{g of NaF} \times 10^3 \times 18.998/41.99 \quad \text{Eq. 26A-3}$$

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12.3 Average Dry Gas Meter Temperature and Average Orifice Pressure Drop. See data sheet (Figure 5-3 of Method 5).

12.4 Dry Gas Volume. Calculate  $V_{m(\text{cor})}$  and adjust for leakage, if necessary, using the equation in section 12.3 of Method 5.

12.5 Volume of Water Vapor and Moisture Content. Calculate the volume of water vapor  $V_{w(\text{std})}$  and moisture content  $B_w$  from the data obtained in this method (Figure 5-

3 of Method 5); use Equations 5-2 and 5-3 of Method 5.

12.6 Isokinetic Variation and Acceptable Results. Use Method 5, section 12.11.

12.7 Acetone Blank Concentration, Acetone Wash Blank Residue Weight, Particulate Weight, and Particulate Concentration. For particulate determination.

12.8 Total  $\mu\text{g}$  HCl, HBr, or HF Per Sample.

$$m_{\text{HX}} = K_{\text{HCl, Hbr, HF}} V_s (S_{X^-} - B_{X^-}) \quad \text{Eq. 26A-4}$$

12.9 Total  $\mu\text{g}$  Cl<sub>2</sub> or Br<sub>2</sub> Per Sample.

$$m_{X_2} = V_s (S_{X^-} - B_{X^-}) \quad \text{Eq. 26A-5}$$

12.10 Concentration of Hydrogen Halide or Halogen in Flue Gas.

$$C = K m_{\text{HX, X}_2} / V_{m(\text{std})} \quad \text{Eq. 26A-6}$$

12.11 Stack Gas Velocity and Volumetric Flow Rate. Calculate the average stack gas velocity and volumetric flow rate, if needed, using data obtained in this method and the equations in sections 12.3 and 12.4 of Method 2.

### 13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Precision and Bias. The method has a possible measurable negative bias below 20 ppm HCl perhaps due to reaction with small amounts of moisture in the probe and filter. Similar bias for the other hydrogen halides is possible.

13.2 Sample Stability. The collected Cl-samples can be stored for up to 4 weeks for analysis for HCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>.

13.3 Detection Limit. A typical analytical detection limit for HCl is 0.2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$ . Detection limits for the other analyses should be similar. Assuming 300 ml of liquid recovered for the acidified impingers and a similar amount recovered from the basic impingers, and 1 dscm of stack gas sampled, the analytical detection limits in the stack gas would be about 0.04 ppm for HCl and Cl<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

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15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

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17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data



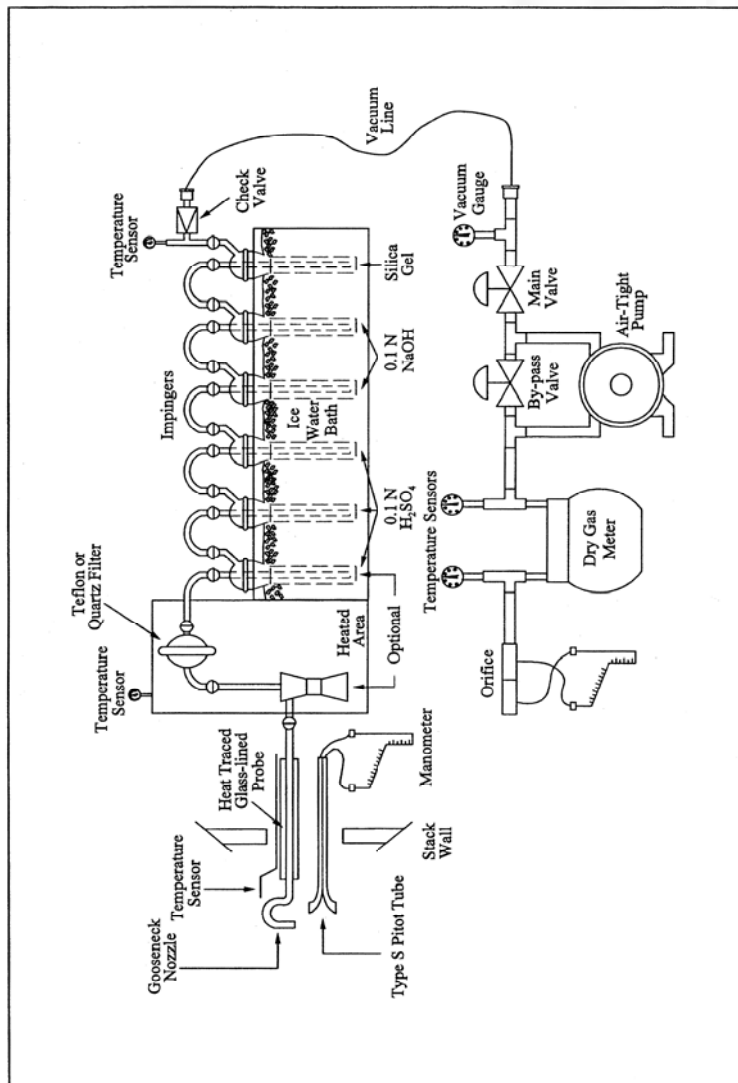


Figure 26A-1. Sampling Train

**METHOD 27—DETERMINATION OF VAPOR TIGHTNESS OF GASOLINE DELIVERY TANK USING PRESSURE VACUUM TEST**

*1.0 Scope and Application*

1.1 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of vapor tightness of a gasoline delivery collection equipment.

*2.0 Summary of Method*

2.1 Pressure and vacuum are applied alternately to the compartments of a gasoline delivery tank and the change in pressure or vacuum is recorded after a specified period of time.

### 3.0 Definitions

3.1 *Allowable pressure change ( $\Delta p$ )* means the allowable amount of decrease in pressure during the static pressure test, within the time period  $t$ , as specified in the appropriate regulation, in mm H<sub>2</sub>O.

3.2 *Allowable vacuum change ( $\Delta v$ )* means the allowable amount of decrease in vacuum during the static vacuum test, within the time period  $t$ , as specified in the appropriate regulation, in mm H<sub>2</sub>O.

3.3 *Compartment* means a liquid-tight division of a delivery tank.

3.4 *Delivery tank* means a container, including associated pipes and fittings, that is attached to or forms a part of any truck, trailer, or railcar used for the transport of gasoline.

3.5 *Delivery tank vapor collection equipment* means any piping, hoses, and devices on the delivery tank used to collect and route gasoline vapors either from the tank to a bulk terminal vapor control system or from a bulk plant or service station into the tank.

3.6 *Gasoline* means a petroleum distillate or petroleum distillate/alcohol blend having a Reid vapor pressure of 27.6 kilopascals or greater which is used as a fuel for internal combustion engines.

3.7 *Initial pressure ( $P_i$ )* means the pressure applied to the delivery tank at the beginning of the static pressure test, as specified in the appropriate regulation, in mm H<sub>2</sub>O.

3.8 *Initial vacuum ( $V_i$ )* means the vacuum applied to the delivery tank at the beginning of the static vacuum test, as specified in the appropriate regulation, in mm H<sub>2</sub>.

3.9 *Time period of the pressure or vacuum test ( $t$ )* means the time period of the test, as specified in the appropriate regulation, during which the change in pressure or vacuum is monitored, in minutes.

### 4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

### 5.0 Safety

5.1 Gasoline contains several volatile organic compounds (*e.g.*, benzene and hexane) which presents a potential for fire and/or explosions. It is advisable to take appropriate precautions when testing a gasoline vessel's vapor tightness, such as refraining from smoking and using explosion-proof equipment.

5.2 This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

### 6.0 Equipment and Supplies

The following equipment and supplies are required for testing:

6.1 *Pressure Source*. Pump or compressed gas cylinder of air or inert gas sufficient to pressurize the delivery tank to 500 mm (20 in.) H<sub>2</sub>O above atmospheric pressure.

6.2 *Regulator*. Low pressure regulator for controlling pressurization of the delivery tank.

6.3 *Vacuum Source*. Vacuum pump capable of evacuating the delivery tank to 250 mm (10 in.) H<sub>2</sub>O below atmospheric pressure.

6.4 *Pressure-Vacuum Supply Hose*.

6.5 *Manometer*. Liquid manometer, or equivalent instrument, capable of measuring up to 500 mm (20 in.) H<sub>2</sub>O gauge pressure with  $\pm 2.5$  mm (0.1 in.) H<sub>2</sub>O precision.

6.6 *Pressure-Vacuum Relief Valves*. The test apparatus shall be equipped with an inline pressure-vacuum relief valve set to activate at 675 mm (26.6 in.) H<sub>2</sub>O above atmospheric pressure or 250 mm (10 in.) H<sub>2</sub>O below atmospheric pressure, with a capacity equal to the pressurizing or evacuating pumps.

6.7 *Test Cap for Vapor Recovery Hose*. This cap shall have a tap for manometer connection and a fitting with shut-off valve for connection to the pressure-vacuum supply hose.

6.8 *Caps for Liquid Delivery Hoses*.

### 7.0 Reagents and Standards [Reserved]

### 8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

#### 8.1 Pretest Preparations.

8.1.1 *Summary*. Testing problems may occur due to the presence of volatile vapors and/or temperature fluctuations inside the delivery tank. Under these conditions, it is often difficult to obtain a stable initial pressure at the beginning of a test, and erroneous test results may occur. To help prevent this, it is recommended that prior to testing, volatile vapors be removed from the tank and the temperature inside the tank be allowed to stabilize. Because it is not always possible to completely attain these pretest conditions, a provision to ensure reproducible results is included. The difference in results for two consecutive runs must meet the criteria in sections 8.2.2.5 and 8.2.3.5.

8.1.2 *Emptying of Tank*. The delivery tank shall be emptied of all liquid.

8.1.3 *Purging of Vapor*. As much as possible the delivery tank shall be purged of all volatile vapors by any safe, acceptable method. One method is to carry a load of non-volatile liquid fuel, such as diesel or heating oil, immediately prior to the test, thus flushing out all the volatile gasoline vapors. A second method is to remove the volatile vapors by blowing ambient air into each tank compartment for at least 20 minutes. This second method is usually not as effective and often causes stabilization problems, requiring a

much longer time for stabilization during the testing.

8.1.4 Temperature Stabilization. As much as possible, the test shall be conducted under isothermal conditions. The temperature of the delivery tank should be allowed to equilibrate in the test environment. During the test, the tank should be protected from extreme environmental and temperature variability, such as direct sunlight.

8.2 Test Procedure.

8.2.1 Preparations.

8.2.1.1 Open and close each dome cover.

8.2.1.2 Connect static electrical ground connections to the tank. Attach the liquid delivery and vapor return hoses, remove the liquid delivery elbows, and plug the liquid delivery fittings.

NOTE: The purpose of testing the liquid delivery hoses is to detect tears or holes that would allow liquid leakage during a delivery. Liquid delivery hoses are not considered to be possible sources of vapor leakage, and thus, do not have to be attached for a vapor leakage test. Instead, a liquid delivery hose could be either visually inspected, or filled with water to detect any liquid leakage.

8.2.1.3 Attach the test cap to the end of the vapor recovery hose.

8.2.1.4 Connect the pressure-vacuum supply hose and the pressure-vacuum relief valve to the shut-off valve. Attach a manometer to the pressure tap.

8.2.1.5 Connect compartments of the tank internally to each other if possible. If not possible, each compartment must be tested separately, as if it were an individual delivery tank.

8.2.2 Pressure Test.

8.2.2.1 Connect the pressure source to the pressure-vacuum supply hose.

8.2.2.2 Open the shut-off valve in the vapor recovery hose cap. Apply air pressure slowly, pressurize the tank to  $P_1$ , the initial pressure specified in the regulation.

8.2.2.3 Close the shut-off and allow the pressure in the tank to stabilize, adjusting the pressure if necessary to maintain pressure of  $P_1$ . When the pressure stabilizes, record the time and initial pressure.

8.2.2.4 At the end of the time period (t) specified in the regulation, record the time and final pressure.

8.2.2.5 Repeat steps 8.2.2.2 through 8.2.2.4 until the change in pressure for two consecutive runs agrees within 12.5 mm (0.5 in.)  $H_2O$ . Calculate the arithmetic average of the two results.

8.2.2.6 Compare the average measured change in pressure to the allowable pressure change,  $\Delta p$ , specified in the regulation. If the delivery tank does not satisfy the vapor tightness criterion specified in the regulation, repair the sources of leakage, and repeat the pressure test until the criterion is met.

8.2.2.7 Disconnect the pressure source from the pressure-vacuum supply hose, and slowly open the shut-off valve to bring the tank to atmospheric pressure.

8.2.3 Vacuum Test.

8.2.3.1 Connect the vacuum source to the pressure-vacuum supply hose.

8.2.3.2 Open the shut-off valve in the vapor recovery hose cap. Slowly evacuate the tank to  $V_1$ , the initial vacuum specified in the regulation.

8.2.3.3 Close the shut-off valve and allow the pressure in the tank to stabilize, adjusting the pressure if necessary to maintain a vacuum of  $V_1$ . When the pressure stabilizes, record the time and initial vacuum.

8.2.3.4 At the end of the time period specified in the regulation (t), record the time and final vacuum.

8.2.3.5 Repeat steps 8.2.3.2 through 8.2.3.4 until the change in vacuum for two consecutive runs agrees within 12.5 mm (0.5 in.)  $H_2O$ . Calculate the arithmetic average of the two results.

8.2.3.6 Compare the average measured change in vacuum to the allowable vacuum change,  $\Delta v$ , as specified in the regulation. If the delivery tank does not satisfy the vapor tightness criterion specified in the regulation, repair the sources of leakage, and repeat the vacuum test until the criterion is met.

8.2.3.7 Disconnect the vacuum source from the pressure-vacuum supply hose, and slowly open the shut-off valve to bring the tank to atmospheric pressure.

8.2.4 Post-Test Clean-up. Disconnect all test equipment and return the delivery tank to its pretest condition.

9.0 Quality Control

Section(s)	Quality control measure	Effect
8.2.2.5, 8.3.3.5 .....	Repeat test procedures until change in pressure or vacuum for two consecutive runs agrees within $\pm 12.5$ mm (0.5 in.) $H_2O$ .	Ensures data precision.

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### 10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

### 11.0 Analytical Procedures [Reserved]

### 12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations [Reserved]

#### 13.0 Method Performance

13.1 Precision. The vapor tightness of a gasoline delivery tank under positive or negative pressure, as measured by this method, is precise within 12.5 mm (0.5 in.) H<sub>2</sub>O

13.2 Bias. No bias has been identified.

### 14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

### 15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

#### 16.0 Alternative Procedures

16.1 The pumping of water into the bottom of a delivery tank is an acceptable alternative to the pressure source described above. Likewise, the draining of water out of the bottom of a delivery tank may be substituted for the vacuum source. Note that some of the specific step-by-step procedures in the method must be altered slightly to accommodate these different pressure and vacuum sources.

16.2 Techniques other than specified above may be used for purging and pressurizing a delivery tank, if prior approval is obtained from the Administrator. Such approval will be based upon demonstrated equivalency with the above method.

### 17.0 References [Reserved]

### 18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

## METHOD 28—CERTIFICATION AND AUDITING OF WOOD HEATERS

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (*e.g.*, equipment and supplies) and procedures (*e.g.*, sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to obtain reliable results, persons using this method should have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 1, Method 2, Method 3, Method 4, Method 5, Method 5G, Method 5H, Method 6, Method 6C, and Method 16A.

#### 1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analyte. Particulate matter (PM). No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the certification and auditing of wood heaters, including pellet burning wood heaters.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

#### 2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 Particulate matter emissions are measured from a wood heater burning a prepared test fuel crib in a test facility maintained at a set of prescribed conditions. Procedures for determining burn rates and particulate emission rates and for reducing data are provided.

#### 3.0 Definitions

3.1  $2 \times 4$  or  $4 \times 4$  means two inches by four inches or four inches by four inches (50 mm by 100 mm or 100 mm by 100 mm), as nominal dimensions for lumber.

3.2 *Burn rate* means the rate at which test fuel is consumed in a wood heater. Measured in kilograms or lbs of wood (dry basis) per hour (kg/hr or lb/hr).

3.3 *Certification or audit test* means a series of at least four test runs conducted for certification or audit purposes that meets the burn rate specifications in section 8.4.

3.4 *Firebox* means the chamber in the wood heater in which the test fuel charge is placed and combusted.

3.5 *Height* means the vertical distance extending above the loading door, if fuel could reasonably occupy that space, but not more than 2 inches above the top (peak height) of the loading door, to the floor of the firebox (*i.e.*, below a permanent grate) if the grate allows a 1-inch diameter piece of wood to pass through the grate, or, if not, to the top of the grate. Firebox height is not necessarily uniform but must account for variations caused by internal baffles, air channels, or other permanent obstructions.

3.6 *Length* means the longest horizontal fire chamber dimension that is parallel to a wall of the chamber.

3.7 *Pellet burning wood heater* means a wood heater which meets the following criteria: (1) The manufacturer makes no reference to burning cord wood in advertising or other literature, (2) the unit is safety listed for pellet fuel only, (3) the unit operating and instruction manual must state that the use of cordwood is prohibited by law, and (4) the unit must be manufactured and sold including the hopper and auger combination as integral parts.

3.8 *Secondary air supply* means an air supply that introduces air to the wood heater such that the burn rate is not altered by more than 25 percent when the secondary air supply is adjusted during the test run. The wood heater manufacturer can document this through design drawings that show the secondary air is introduced only into a mixing chamber or secondary chamber outside the firebox.

3.9 *Test facility* means the area in which the wood heater is installed, operated, and sampled for emissions.

3.10 *Test fuel charge* means the collection of test fuel pieces placed in the wood heater at the start of the emission test run.

3.11 *Test fuel crib* means the arrangement of the test fuel charge with the proper spacing requirements between adjacent fuel pieces.

3.12 *Test fuel loading density* means the weight of the as-fired test fuel charge per unit volume of usable firebox.

3.13 *Test fuel piece* means the 2 × 4 or 4 × 4 wood piece cut to the length required for the test fuel charge and used to construct the test fuel crib.

3.14 *Test run* means an individual emission test which encompasses the time required to consume the mass of the test fuel charge.

3.15 *Usable firebox volume* means the volume of the firebox determined using its height, length, and width as defined in this section.

3.16 *Width* means the shortest horizontal fire chamber dimension that is parallel to a wall of the chamber.

3.17 *Wood heater* means an enclosed, woodburning appliance capable of and intended for space heating or domestic water heating, as defined in the applicable regulation.

#### 4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

##### 5.0 Safety

5.1 *Disclaimer.* This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

##### 6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as section 6.0 of either Method 5G or Method 5H, with the addition of the following:

6.1 *Insulated Solid Pack Chimney.* For installation of wood heaters. Solid pack insulated chimneys shall have a minimum of 2.5 cm (1 in.) solid pack insulating material surrounding the entire flue and possess a label demonstrating conformance to U.L. 103 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

6.2 *Platform Scale and Monitor.* For monitoring of fuel load weight change. The scale shall be capable of measuring weight to within 0.05 kg (0.1 lb) or 1 percent of the initial test fuel charge weight, whichever is greater.

6.3 *Wood Heater Temperature Monitors.* Seven, each capable of measuring temperature to within 1.5 percent of expected absolute temperatures.

6.4 *Test Facility Temperature Monitor.* A thermocouple located centrally in a vertically oriented 150 mm (6 in.) long, 50 mm (2 in.) diameter pipe shield that is open at both ends, capable of measuring tempera-

ture to within 1.5 percent of expected temperatures.

6.5 *Balance (optional).* Balance capable of weighing the test fuel charge to within 0.05 kg (0.1 lb).

6.6 *Moisture Meter.* Calibrated electrical resistance meter for measuring test fuel moisture to within 1 percent moisture content.

6.7 *Anemometer.* Device capable of detecting air velocities less than 0.10 m/sec (20 ft/min), for measuring air velocities near the test appliance.

6.8 *Barometer.* Mercury, aneroid or other barometer capable of measuring atmospheric pressure to within 2.5 mm Hg (0.1 in. Hg).

6.9 *Draft Gauge.* Electromanometer or other device for the determination of flue draft or static pressure readable to within 0.50 Pa (0.002 in. H<sub>2</sub>O).

6.10 *Humidity Gauge.* Psychrometer or hygrometer for measuring room humidity.

##### 6.11 Wood Heater Flue.

6.11.1 *Steel flue pipe* extending to 2.6 ±0.15 m (8.5 ±0.5 ft) above the top of the platform scale, and above this level, insulated solid pack type chimney extending to 4.6 ±0.3 m (15 ±1 ft) above the platform scale, and of the size specified by the wood heater manufacturer. This applies to both freestanding and insert type wood heaters.

6.11.2 *Other chimney types (e.g., solid pack insulated pipe)* may be used in place of the steel flue pipe if the wood heater manufacturer's written appliance specifications require such chimney for home installation (e.g., zero clearance wood heater inserts). Such alternative chimney or flue pipe must remain and be sealed with the wood heater following the certification test.

6.12 *Test Facility.* The test facility shall meet the following requirements during testing:

6.12.1 *The test facility temperature* shall be maintained between 18 and 32 °C (65 and 90 °F) during each test run.

6.12.2 *Air velocities* within 0.6 m (2 ft) of the test appliance and exhaust system shall be less than 0.25 m/sec (50 ft/min) without fire in the unit.

6.12.3 *The flue* shall discharge into the same space or into a space freely communicating with the test facility. Any hood or similar device used to vent combustion products shall not induce a draft greater than 1.25 Pa (0.005 in. H<sub>2</sub>O) on the wood heater measured when the wood heater is not operating.

6.12.4 *For test facilities with artificially induced barometric pressures (e.g., pressurized chambers),* the barometric pressure in the test facility shall not exceed 775 mm Hg (30.5 in. Hg) during any test run.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as section 6.0 of either Method 5G or Method 5H, with the addition of the following:

7.1 Test Fuel. The test fuel shall conform to the following requirements:

7.1.1 Fuel Species. Untreated, air-dried, Douglas fir lumber. Kiln-dried lumber is not permitted. The lumber shall be certified C grade (standard) or better Douglas fir by a lumber grader at the mill of origin as specified in the West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau Standard No. 16 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

7.1.2 Fuel Moisture. The test fuel shall have a moisture content range between 16 to 20 percent on a wet basis (19 to 25 percent dry basis). Addition of moisture to previously dried wood is not allowed. It is recommended that the test fuel be stored in a temperature and humidity-controlled room.

7.1.3 Fuel Temperature. The test fuel shall be at the test facility temperature of 18 to 32 °C (65 to 90 °F).

7.1.4 Fuel Dimensions. The dimensions of each test fuel piece shall conform to the nominal measurements of 2 × 4 and 4 × 4 lumber. Each piece of test fuel (not including spacers) shall be of equal length, except as

necessary to meet requirements in section 8.8, and shall closely approximate ⅓ the dimensions of the length of the usable firebox. The fuel piece dimensions shall be determined in relation to the appliance's firebox volume according to guidelines listed below:

7.1.4.1 If the usable firebox volume is less than or equal to 0.043 m<sup>3</sup> (1.5 ft<sup>3</sup>), use 2 × 4 lumber.

7.1.4.2 If the usable firebox volume is greater than 0.043 m<sup>3</sup> (1.5 ft<sup>3</sup>) and less than or equal to 0.085 m<sup>3</sup> (3.0 ft<sup>3</sup>), use 2 × 4 and 4 × 4 lumber. About half the weight of the test fuel charge shall be 2 × 4 lumber, and the remainder shall be 4 × 4 lumber.

7.1.4.3 If the usable firebox volume is greater than 0.085 m<sup>3</sup> (3.0 ft<sup>3</sup>), use 4 × 4 lumber.

7.2 Test Fuel Spacers. Air-dried, Douglas fir lumber meeting the requirements outlined in sections 7.1.1 through 7.1.3. The spacers shall be 130 × 40 × 20 mm (5 × 1.5 × 0.75 in.).

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Test Run Requirements.

8.1.1 Burn Rate Categories. One emission test run is required in each of the following burn rate categories:

BURN RATE CATEGORIES

[Average kg/hr (lb/hr), dry basis]

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
<0.80 (<1.76)	0.80 to 1.25 (1.76 to 2.76)	1.25 to 1.90 (2.76 to 4.19)	Maximum burn rate.

8.1.1.1 Maximum Burn Rate. For Category 4, the wood heater shall be operated with the primary air supply inlet controls fully open (or, if thermostatically controlled, the thermostat shall be set at maximum heat output) during the entire test run, or the maximum burn rate setting specified by the manufacturer's written instructions.

8.1.1.2 Other Burn Rate Categories. For burn rates in Categories 1 through 3, the wood heater shall be operated with the primary air supply inlet control, or other mechanical control device, set at a predetermined position necessary to obtain the average burn rate required for the category.

8.1.1.3 Alternative Burn Rates for Burn Rate Categories 1 and 2.

8.1.1.3.1 If a wood heater cannot be operated at a burn rate below 0.80 kg/hr (1.76 lb/hr), two test runs shall be conducted with burn rates within Category 2. If a wood heater cannot be operated at a burn rate below 1.25 kg/hr (2.76 lb/hr), the flue shall be dampered or the air supply otherwise controlled in order to achieve two test runs within Category 2.

8.1.1.3.2 Evidence that a wood heater cannot be operated at a burn rate less than 0.80 kg/hr shall include documentation of two or more attempts to operate the wood heater in burn rate Category 1 and fuel combustion has stopped, or results of two or more test runs demonstrating that the burn rates were greater than 0.80 kg/hr when the air supply controls were adjusted to the lowest possible position or settings. Stopped fuel combustion is evidenced when an elapsed time of 30 minutes or more has occurred without a measurable (<0.05 kg (0.1 lb) or 1.0 percent, whichever is greater) weight change in the test fuel charge. See also section 8.8.3. Report the evidence and the reasoning used to determine that a test in burn rate Category 1 cannot be achieved; for example, two unsuccessful attempts to operate at a burn rate of 0.4 kg/hr are not sufficient evidence that burn rate Category 1 cannot be achieved.

NOTE: After July 1, 1990, if a wood heater cannot be operated at a burn rate less than 0.80 kg/hr, at least one test run with an average burn rate of 1.00 kg/hr or less shall be conducted. Additionally, if flue dampering must be used to achieve burn rates below 1.25

kg/hr (or 1.0 kg/hr), results from a test run conducted at burn rates below 0.90 kg/hr need not be reported or included in the test run average provided that such results are replaced with results from a test run meeting the criteria above.

8.2 Catalytic Combustor and Wood Heater Aging. The catalyst-equipped wood heater or a wood heater of any type shall be aged before the certification test begins. The aging procedure shall be conducted and documented by a testing laboratory accredited according to procedures in §60.535 of 40 CFR part 60.

8.2.1 Catalyst-equipped Wood Heater. Operate the catalyst-equipped wood heater using fuel meeting the specifications outlined in sections 7.1.1 through 7.1.3, or cordwood with a moisture content between 15 and 25 percent on a wet basis. Operate the wood heater at a medium burn rate (Category 2 or 3) with a new catalytic combustor in place and in operation for at least 50 hours. Record and report hourly catalyst exit temperature data (Section 8.6.2) and the hours of operation.

8.2.2 Non-Catalyst Wood Heater. Operate the wood heater using the fuel described in section 8.4.1 at a medium burn rate for at least 10 hours. Record and report the hours of operation.

8.3 Pretest Recordkeeping. Record the test fuel charge dimensions and weights, and wood heater and catalyst descriptions as shown in the example in Figure 28-1.

8.4 Wood Heater Installation. Assemble the wood heater appliance and parts in conformance with the manufacturer's written installation instructions. Place the wood heater centrally on the platform scale and connect the wood heater to the flue described in section 6.11. Clean the flue with an appropriately sized, wire chimney brush before each certification test.

8.5 Wood Heater Temperature Monitors.

8.5.1 For catalyst-equipped wood heaters, locate a temperature monitor (optional) about 25 mm (1 in.) upstream of the catalyst at the centroid of the catalyst face area, and locate a temperature monitor (mandatory) that will indicate the catalyst exhaust temperature. This temperature monitor is centrally located within 25 mm (1 in.) downstream at the centroid of catalyst face area. Record these locations.

8.5.2 Locate wood heater surface temperature monitors at five locations on the wood heater firebox exterior surface. Position the temperature monitors centrally on the top surface, on two sidewall surfaces, and on the bottom and back surfaces. Position the monitor sensing tip on the firebox exterior surface inside of any heat shield, air circulation walls, or other wall or shield separated from the firebox exterior surface. Surface temperature locations for unusual design shapes (e.g., spherical, etc.) shall be positioned so that there are four surface temperature mon-

itors in both the vertical and horizontal planes passing at right angles through the centroid of the firebox, not including the fuel loading door (total of five temperature monitors).

8.6 Test Facility Conditions.

8.6.1 Locate the test facility temperature monitor on the horizontal plane that includes the primary air intake opening for the wood heater. Locate the temperature monitor 1 to 2 m (3 to 6 ft) from the front of the wood heater in the 90° sector in front of the wood heater.

8.6.2 Use an anemometer to measure the air velocity. Measure and record the room air velocity before the pretest ignition period (Section 8.7) and once immediately following the test run completion.

8.6.3 Measure and record the test facility's ambient relative humidity, barometric pressure, and temperature before and after each test run.

8.6.4 Measure and record the flue draft or static pressure in the flue at a location no greater than 0.3 m (1 ft) above the flue connector at the wood heater exhaust during the test run at the recording intervals (Section 8.8.2).

8.7 Wood Heater Firebox Volume.

8.7.1 Determine the firebox volume using the definitions for height, width, and length in section 3. Volume adjustments due to presence of firebrick and other permanent fixtures may be necessary. Adjust width and length dimensions to extend to the metal wall of the wood heater above the firebrick or permanent obstruction if the firebrick or obstruction extending the length of the side(s) or back wall extends less than one-third of the usable firebox height. Use the width or length dimensions inside the firebrick if the firebrick extends more than one-third of the usable firebox height. If a log retainer or grate is a permanent fixture and the manufacturer recommends that no fuel be placed outside the retainer, the area outside of the retainer is excluded from the firebox volume calculations.

8.7.2 In general, exclude the area above the ash lip if that area is less than 10 percent of the usable firebox volume. Otherwise, take into account consumer loading practices. For instance, if fuel is to be loaded front-to-back, an ash lip may be considered usable firebox volume.

8.7.3 Include areas adjacent to and above a baffle (up to two inches above the fuel loading opening) if four inches or more horizontal space exist between the edge of the baffle and a vertical obstruction (e.g., sidewalls or air channels).

8.8 Test Fuel Charge.

8.8.1 Prepare the test fuel pieces in accordance with the specifications outlined in sections 7.1 and 7.2. Determine the test fuel moisture content with a calibrated electrical

resistance meter or other equivalent performance meter. If necessary, convert fuel moisture content values from dry basis (%M<sub>d</sub>) to wet basis (%M<sub>w</sub>) in section 12.2 using Equation 28-1. Determine fuel moisture for each fuel piece (not including spacers) by averaging at least three moisture meter readings, one from each of three sides, measured parallel to the wood grain. Average all the readings for all the fuel pieces in the test fuel charge. If an electrical resistance type meter is used, penetration of insulated electrodes shall be one-fourth the thickness of the test fuel piece or 19 mm (0.75 in.), whichever is greater. Measure the moisture content within a 4-hour period prior to the test run. Determine the fuel temperature by measuring the temperature of the room where the wood has been stored for at least 24 hours prior to the moisture determination.

8.8.2 Attach the spacers to the test fuel pieces with uncoated, ungalvanized nails or staples as illustrated in Figure 29-2. Attachment of spacers to the top of the test fuel piece(s) on top of the test fuel charge is optional.

8.8.3 To avoid stacking difficulties, or when a whole number of test fuel pieces does not result, all piece lengths shall be adjusted uniformly to remain within the specified loading density. The shape of the test fuel crib shall be geometrically similar to the shape of the firebox volume without resorting to special angular or round cuts on the individual fuel pieces.

8.8.4 The test fuel loading density shall be  $112 \pm 11.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$  ( $7 \pm 0.7 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ ) of usable firebox volume on a wet basis.

8.9 Sampling Equipment. Prepare the sampling equipment as defined by the selected method (*i.e.*, either Method 5G or Method 5H). Collect one particulate emission sample for each test run.

8.10 Secondary Air Adjustment Validation.

8.10.1 If design drawings do not show the introduction of secondary air into a chamber outside the firebox (see "secondary air supply" under section 3.0, Definitions), conduct a separate test of the wood heater's secondary air supply. Operate the wood heater at a burn rate in Category 1 (Section 8.1.1) with the secondary air supply operated following the manufacturer's written instructions. Start the secondary air validation test run as described in section 8.8.1, except no emission sampling is necessary and burn rate data shall be recorded at 5-minute intervals.

8.10.2 After the start of the test run, operate the wood heater with the secondary air supply set as per the manufacturer's instructions, but with no adjustments to this setting. After 25 percent of the test fuel has been consumed, adjust the secondary air supply controls to another setting, as per the manufacturer's instructions. Record the burn rate data (5-minute intervals) for 20 minutes following the air supply adjustment.

8.10.3 Adjust the air supply control(s) to the original position(s), operate at this condition for at least 20 minutes, and repeat the air supply adjustment procedure above. Repeat the procedure three times at equal intervals over the entire burn period as defined in section 8.8. If the secondary air adjustment results in a burn rate change of more than an average of 25 percent between the 20-minute periods before and after the secondary adjustments, the secondary air supply shall be considered a primary air supply, and no adjustment to this air supply is allowed during the test run.

8.10.4 The example sequence below describes a typical secondary air adjustment validation check. The first cycle begins after at least 25 percent of the test fuel charge has been consumed.

Cycle 1

Part 1, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Part 2, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Part 3, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Cycle 2

Part 1, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Part 2, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Part 3, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Cycle 3

Part 1, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Part 2, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Part 3, sec air adjusted to final position—  
20 min

Note that the cycles may overlap; that is, Part 3 of Cycle 1 may coincide in part or in total with Part 1 of Cycle 2. The calculation of the secondary air percent effect for this example is as follows:

$$\%BR_{\text{sec}} = \frac{BR_{1,3} - BR_2}{BR_{1,3}} \times 100 \quad \text{Eq. 28-1}$$



8.11 Pretest Ignition. Build a fire in the wood heater in accordance with the manufacturer's written instructions.

8.11.1 Pretest Fuel Charge. Crumpled newspaper loaded with kindling may be used to help ignite the pretest fuel. The pretest fuel, used to sustain the fire, shall meet the same fuel requirements prescribed in section 7.1. The pretest fuel charge shall consist of whole 2 × 4's that are no less than 1/3 the length of the test fuel pieces. Pieces of 4 × 4 lumber in approximately the same weight ratio as for the test fuel charge may be added to the pretest fuel charge.

8.11.2 Wood Heater Operation and Adjustments. Set the air inlet supply controls at any position that will maintain combustion of the pretest fuel load. At least one hour before the start of the test run, set the air supply controls at the approximate positions necessary to achieve the burn rate desired for the test run. Adjustment of the air supply controls, fuel addition or subtractions, and coalbed raking shall be kept to a minimum but are allowed up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the test run. For the purposes of this method, coalbed raking is the use of a metal tool (poker) to stir coals, break burning fuel into smaller pieces, dislodge fuel pieces from positions of poor combustion, and check for the condition of uniform charcoaling. Record all adjustments made to the air supply controls, adjustments to and additions or subtractions of fuel, and any other changes to wood heater operations that occur during pretest ignition period. Record fuel weight data and wood heater temperature measurements at 10-minute intervals during the hour of the pretest ignition period preceding the start of the test run. During the 15-minute period prior to the start of the test run, the wood heater loading door shall not be open more than a total of 1 minute. Coalbed raking is the only adjustment allowed during this period.

NOTE: One purpose of the pretest ignition period is to achieve uniform charcoaling of the test fuel bed prior to loading the test fuel charge. Uniform charcoaling is a general condition of the test fuel bed evidenced by an absence of large pieces of burning wood in the coal bed and the remaining fuel pieces being brittle enough to be broken into smaller charcoal pieces with a metal poker. Manipulations to the fuel bed prior to the start of the test run should be done to achieve uniform charcoaling while maintaining the desired burn rate. In addition, some wood heaters (*e.g.*, high mass units) may require extended pretest burn time and fuel additions to reach an initial average surface temperature sufficient to meet the thermal equilibrium criteria in section 8.3.

8.11.3 The weight of pretest fuel remaining at the start of the test run is determined as the difference between the weight of the

wood heater with the remaining pretest fuel and the tare weight of the cleaned, dry wood heater with or without dry ash or sand added consistent with the manufacturer's instructions and the owner's manual. The tare weight of the wood heater must be determined with the wood heater (and ash, if added) in a dry condition.

8.12 Test Run. Complete a test run in each burn rate category, as follows:

8.12.1 Test Run Start.

8.12.1.1 When the kindling and pretest fuel have been consumed to leave a fuel weight between 20 and 25 percent of the weight of the test fuel charge, record the weight of the fuel remaining and start the test run. Record and report any other criteria, in addition to those specified in this section, used to determine the moment of the test run start (*e.g.*, firebox or catalyst temperature), whether such criteria are specified by the wood heater manufacturer or the testing laboratory. Record all wood heater individual surface temperatures, catalyst temperatures, any initial sampling method measurement values, and begin the particulate emission sampling. Within 1 minute following the start of the test run, open the wood heater door, load the test fuel charge, and record the test fuel charge weight. Recording of average, rather than individual, surface temperatures is acceptable for tests conducted in accordance with §60.533(o)(3)(i) of 40 CFR part 60.

8.12.1.2 Position the fuel charge so that the spacers are parallel to the floor of the firebox, with the spacer edges abutting each other. If loading difficulties result, some fuel pieces may be placed on edge. If the usable firebox volume is between 0.043 and 0.085 m<sup>3</sup> (1.5 and 3.0 ft<sup>3</sup>), alternate the piece sizes in vertical stacking layers to the extent possible. For example, place 2 × 4's on the bottom layer in direct contact with the coal bed and 4 × 4's on the next layer, etc. (See Figure 28-3). Position the fuel pieces parallel to each other and parallel to the longest wall of the firebox to the extent possible within the specifications in section 8.8.

8.12.1.3 Load the test fuel in appliances having unusual or unconventional firebox design maintaining air space intervals between the test fuel pieces and in conformance with the manufacturer's written instructions. For any appliance that will not accommodate the loading arrangement specified in the paragraph above, the test facility personnel shall contact the Administrator for an alternative loading arrangement.

8.12.1.4 The wood heater door may remain open and the air supply controls adjusted up to five minutes after the start of the test run in order to make adjustments to the test fuel charge and to ensure ignition of the test fuel charge has occurred. Within the five minutes after the start of the test run, close the wood heater door and adjust the air supply controls to the position determined to produce

the desired burn rate. No other adjustments to the air supply controls or the test fuel charge are allowed (except as specified in sections 8.12.3 and 8.12.4) after the first five minutes of the test run. Record the length of time the wood heater door remains open, the adjustments to the air supply controls, and any other operational adjustments.

8.12.2 Data Recording. Record on a data sheet similar to that shown in Figure 28-4, at intervals no greater than 10 minutes, fuel weight data, wood heater individual surface and catalyst temperature measurements, other wood heater operational data (e.g., draft), test facility temperature and sampling method data.

8.12.3 Test Fuel Charge Adjustment. The test fuel charge may be adjusted (i.e., repositioned) once during a test run if more than 60 percent of the initial test fuel charge weight has been consumed and more than 10 minutes have elapsed without a measurable (<0.05 kg (0.1 lb) or 1.0 percent, whichever is greater) weight change. The time used to make this adjustment shall be less than 15 seconds.

8.12.4 Air Supply Adjustment. Secondary air supply controls may be adjusted once during the test run following the manufacturer's written instructions (see section 8.10). No other air supply adjustments are allowed during the test run. Recording of wood heater flue draft during the test run is optional for tests conducted in accordance with §60.533(o)(3)(i) of 40 CFR part 60.

8.12.5 Auxiliary Wood Heater Equipment Operation. Heat exchange blowers sold with the wood heater shall be operated during the test run following the manufacturer's written instructions. If no manufacturer's written instructions are available, operate the heat exchange blower in the "high" position. (Automatically operated blowers shall be operated as designed.) Shaker grates, by-pass controls, or other auxiliary equipment may be adjusted only one time during the test run following the manufacturer's written instructions.

Record all adjustments on a wood heater operational written record.

NOTE: If the wood heater is sold with a heat exchange blower as an option, test the wood heater with the heat exchange blower operating as described in sections 8.1 through 8.12 and report the results. As an alternative to repeating all test runs without the heat exchange blower operating, one additional test run may be without the blower operating as described in section 8.12.5 at a burn rate in Category 2 (Section 8.1.1). If the emission rate resulting from this test run without the blower operating is equal to or less than the emission rate plus 1.0 g/hr (0.0022 lb/hr) for the test run in burn rate Category 2 with the blower operating, the wood heater may be considered to have the same average emission rate with or without

the blower operating. Additional test runs without the blower operating are unnecessary.

8.13 Test Run Completion. Continue emission sampling and wood heater operation for 2 hours. The test run is completed when the remaining weight of the test fuel charge is 0.00 kg (0.0 lb). End the test run when the scale has indicated a test fuel charge weight of 0.00 kg (0.0 lb) or less for 30 seconds. At the end of the test run, stop the particulate sampling, and record the final fuel weight, the run time, and all final measurement values.

8.14 Wood Heater Thermal Equilibrium. The average of the wood heater surface temperatures at the end of the test run shall agree with the average surface temperature at the start of the test run to within 70 °C (126 °F).

8.15 Consecutive Test Runs. Test runs on a wood heater may be conducted consecutively provided that a minimum one-hour interval occurs between test runs.

8.16 Additional Test Runs. The testing laboratory may conduct more than one test run in each of the burn rate categories specified in section 8.1.1. If more than one test run is conducted at a specified burn rate, the results from at least two-thirds of the test runs in that burn rate category shall be used in calculating the weighted average emission rate (see section 12.2). The measurement data and results of all test runs shall be reported regardless of which values are used in calculating the weighted average emission rate (see note in section 8.1).

#### 9.0 Quality Control

Same as section 9.0 of either Method 5G or Method 5H.

#### 10.0 Calibration and Standardizations

Same as section 10.0 of either Method 5G or Method 5H, with the addition of the following:

10.1 Platform Scale. Perform a multi-point calibration (at least five points spanning the operational range) of the platform scale before its initial use. The scale manufacturer's calibration results are sufficient for this purpose. Before each certification test, audit the scale with the wood heater in place by weighing at least one calibration weight (Class F) that corresponds to between 20 percent and 80 percent of the expected test fuel charge weight. If the scale cannot reproduce the value of the calibration weight within 0.05 kg (0.1 lb) or 1 percent of the expected test fuel charge weight, whichever is greater, recalibrate the scale before use with at least five calibration weights spanning the operational range of the scale.

10.2 Balance (optional). Calibrate as described in section 10.1.

10.3 Temperature Monitor. Calibrate as in Method 2, section 4.3, before the first certification test and semiannually thereafter.

10.4 Moisture Meter. Calibrate as per the manufacturer's instructions before each certification test.

10.5 Anemometer. Calibrate the anemometer as specified by the manufacturer's instructions before the first certification test and semiannually thereafter.

10.6 Barometer. Calibrate against a mercury barometer before the first certification test and semiannually thereafter.

10.7 Draft Gauge. Calibrate as per the manufacturer's instructions; a liquid manometer does not require calibration.

10.8 Humidity Gauge. Calibrate as per the manufacturer's instructions before the first certification test and semiannually thereafter.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Same as section 11.0 of either Method 5G or Method 5H.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Same as section 12.0 of either Method 5G or Method 5H, with the addition of the following:

12.1 Nomenclature.

- BR = Dry wood burn rate, kg/hr (lb/hr)
- E<sub>i</sub> = Emission rate for test run, i, from Method 5G or 5H, g/hr (lb/hr)
- E<sub>w</sub> = Weighted average emission rate, g/hr (lb/hr)
- k<sub>i</sub> = Test run weighting factor = P<sub>i + 1</sub> - P<sub>i - 1</sub>

%M<sub>d</sub> = Fuel moisture content, dry basis, percent.

%M<sub>w</sub> = Average moisture in test fuel charge, wet basis, percent.

n = Total number of test runs.

P<sub>i</sub> = Probability for burn rate during test run, i, obtained from Table 28-1. Use linear interpolation to determine probability values for burn rates between those listed on the table.

W<sub>wtd</sub> = Total mass of wood burned during the test run, kg (lb).

12.2 Wet Basis Fuel Moisture Content.

$$\%M_w = \frac{100(\%M_d)}{100 + \%M_d} \quad \text{Eq. 28-2}$$

12.3 Weighted Average Emission Rate. Calculate the weighted average emission rate (E<sub>w</sub>) using Equation 28-1:

$$E_w = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (K_i E_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n K_i} \quad \text{Eq. 28-3}$$

NOTE: P<sub>0</sub> always equals 0, P<sub>(n + 1)</sub> always equals 1, P<sub>1</sub> corresponds to the probability of the lowest recorded burn rate, P<sub>2</sub> corresponds to the probability of the next lowest burn rate, etc. An example calculation is in section 12.3.1.

12.3.1 Example Calculation of Weighted Average Emission Rate.

Burn rate category	Test No.	Burn rate (Dry-kg/hr)	Emissions (g/hr)
1	1	0.65	5.0
2 <sup>1</sup>	2	0.85	6.7
2	3	0.90	4.7
2	4	1.00	5.3
3	5	1.45	3.8
4	6	2.00	5.1

<sup>1</sup> As permitted in section 6.6, this test run may be omitted from the calculation of the weighted average emission rate because three runs were conducted for this burn rate category.

Test No.	Burn rate	P <sub>i</sub>	E <sub>i</sub>	K <sub>i</sub>
0		0.000		
1	0.65	0.121	5.0	0.300
2	0.90	0.300	4.7	0.259
3	1.00	0.380	5.3	0.422
4	1.45	0.722	3.8	0.532
5	2.00	0.912	5.1	0.278
6		1.000		

- K<sub>1</sub> = P<sub>2</sub> - P<sub>0</sub> = 0.300 - 0 = 0.300
- K<sub>2</sub> = P<sub>3</sub> - P<sub>1</sub> = 0.381 - 0.121 = 0.259
- K<sub>3</sub> = P<sub>4</sub> - P<sub>2</sub> = 0.722 - 0.300 = 0.422
- K<sub>4</sub> = P<sub>5</sub> - P<sub>3</sub> = 0.912 - 0.380 = 0.532
- K<sub>5</sub> = P<sub>6</sub> - P<sub>4</sub> = 1.000 - 0.722 = 0.278

Weighted Average Emission Rate,  $E_w$ , Calculation

$$E_w = \frac{\sum(K_i E_i)}{\sum K_i}$$

$$= \frac{(0.3)(5.0) + (0.259)(4.7) + (0.422)(5.3) + (0.532)(3.8) + (0.278)(5.1)}{1.791}$$

$$= 4.69 \text{ g/hr}$$

12.4 Average Wood Heater Surface Temperatures. Calculate the average of the wood heater surface temperatures for the start of the test run (Section 8.12.1) and for the test run completion (Section 8.13). If the two average temperatures do not agree within 70 °C (125 °F), report the test run results, but do

not include the test run results in the test average. Replace such test run results with results from another test run in the same burn rate category.

12.5 Burn Rate. Calculate the burn rate (BR) using Equation 28-3:

$$BR = \frac{60W_{wd}}{\theta} \times \frac{100 - \%M_w}{100} \quad \text{Eq. 28-3}$$

12.6 Reporting Criteria. Submit both raw and reduced test data for wood heater tests.

12.6.1 Suggested Test Report Format.

12.6.1.1 Introduction.

12.6.1.1.1 Purpose of test-certification, audit, efficiency, research and development.

12.6.1.1.2 Wood heater identification-manufacturer, model number, catalytic/noncatalytic, options.

12.6.1.1.3 Laboratory-name, location (altitude), participants.

12.6.1.1.4 Test information-date wood heater received, date of tests, sampling methods used, number of test runs.

12.6.1.2 Summary and Discussion of Results

12.6.1.2.1 Table of results (in order of increasing burn rate)-test run number, burn rate, particulate emission rate, efficiency (if determined), averages (indicate which test runs are used).

12.6.1.2.2 Summary of other data-test facility conditions, surface temperature averages, catalyst temperature averages, pretest fuel weights, test fuel charge weights, run times.

12.6.1.2.3 Discussion-Burn rate categories achieved, test run result selection, specific test run problems and solutions.

12.6.1.3 Process Description.

12.6.1.3.1 Wood heater dimensions-volume, height, width, lengths (or other linear dimensions), weight, volume adjustments.

12.6.1.3.2 Firebox configuration-air supply locations and operation, air supply introduction location, refractory location and dimensions, catalyst location, baffle and by-pass location and operation (include line drawings or photographs).

12.6.1.3.3 Process operation during test-air supply settings and adjustments, fuel bed adjustments, draft.

12.6.1.3.4 Test fuel-test fuel properties (moisture and temperature), test fuel crib description (include line drawing or photograph), test fuel loading density.

12.6.1.4 Sampling Locations.

12.6.1.4.1 Describe sampling location relative to wood heater. Include drawing or photograph.

12.6.1.5 Sampling and Analytical Procedures

12.6.1.5.1 Sampling methods-brief reference to operational and sampling procedures and optional and alternative procedures used.

12.6.1.5.2 Analytical methods-brief description of sample recovery and analysis procedures.

12.6.1.6 Quality Control and Assurance Procedures and Results

12.6.1.6.1 Calibration procedures and results-certification procedures, sampling and analysis procedures.

12.6.1.6.2 Test method quality control procedures-leak-checks, volume meter checks, stratification (velocity) checks, proportionality results.

12.6.1.7 Appendices

12.6.1.7.1 Results and Example Calculations. Complete summary tables and accompanying examples of all calculations.

12.6.1.7.2 Raw Data. Copies of all uncorrected data sheets for sampling measurements, temperature records and sample recovery data. Copies of all pretest burn rate and wood heater temperature data.

12.6.1.7.3 Sampling and Analytical Procedures. Detailed description of procedures followed by laboratory personnel in conducting the certification test, emphasizing particular parts of the procedures differing from the methods (*e.g.*, approved alternatives).

12.6.1.7.4 Calibration Results. Summary of all calibrations, checks, and audits pertinent to certification test results with dates.

12.6.1.7.5 Participants. Test personnel, manufacturer representatives, and regulatory observers.

12.6.1.7.6 Sampling and Operation Records. Copies of uncorrected records of activities not included on raw data sheets (*e.g.*, wood heater door open times and durations).

12.6.1.7.7 Additional Information. Wood heater manufacturer's written instructions for operation during the certification test.

12.6.2.1 Wood Heater Identification. Report wood heater identification information. An example data form is shown in Figure 28-4.

12.6.2.2 Test Facility Information. Report test facility temperature, air velocity, and humidity information. An example data form is shown on Figure 28-4.

12.6.2.3 Test Equipment Calibration and Audit Information. Report calibration and audit results for the platform scale, test fuel balance, test fuel moisture meter, and sampling equipment including volume metering systems and gaseous analyzers.

12.6.2.4 Pretest Procedure Description. Report all pretest procedures including pretest fuel weight, burn rates, wood heater temperatures, and air supply settings. An example data form is shown on Figure 28-4.

12.6.2.5 Particulate Emission Data. Report a summary of test results for all test runs and the weighted average emission rate. Submit copies of all data sheets and other records collected during the testing. Submit examples of all calculations.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

16.1 Pellet Burning Heaters. Certification testing requirements and procedures for pellet burning wood heaters are identical to those for other wood heaters, with the following exceptions:

16.1.1 Test Fuel Properties. The test fuel shall be all wood pellets with a moisture content no greater than 20 percent on a wet basis (25 percent on a dry basis). Determine the wood moisture content with either ASTM D 2016-74 or 83, (Method A), ASTM D 4444-92, or ASTM D 4442-84 or 92 (all noted ASTM standards are incorporated by reference—see §60.17).

16.1.2 Test Fuel Charge Specifications. The test fuel charge size shall be as per the man-

ufacturer's written instructions for maintaining the desired burn rate.

16.1.3 Wood Heater Firebox Volume. The firebox volume need not be measured or determined for establishing the test fuel charge size. The firebox dimensions and other heater specifications needed to identify the heater for certification purposes shall be reported.

16.1.4 Heater Installation. Arrange the heater with the fuel supply hopper on the platform scale as described in section 8.6.1.

16.1.5 Pretest Ignition. Start a fire in the heater as directed by the manufacturer's written instructions, and adjust the heater controls to achieve the desired burn rate. Operate the heater at the desired burn rate for at least 1 hour before the start of the test run.

16.1.6 Test Run. Complete a test run in each burn rate category as follows:

16.1.6.1 Test Run Start. When the wood heater has operated for at least 1 hour at the desired burn rate, add fuel to the supply hopper as necessary to complete the test run, record the weight of the fuel in the supply hopper (the wood heater weight), and start the test run. Add no additional fuel to the hopper during the test run.

Record all the wood heater surface temperatures, the initial sampling method measurement values, the time at the start of the test, and begin the emission sampling. Make no adjustments to the wood heater air supply or wood supply rate during the test run.

16.1.6.2 Data Recording. Record the fuel (wood heater) weight data, wood heater temperature and operational data, and emission sampling data as described in section 8.12.2.

16.1.6.3 Test Run Completion. Continue emission sampling and wood heater operation for 2 hours. At the end of the test run, stop the particulate sampling, and record the final fuel weight, the run time, and all final measurement values, including all wood heater individual surface temperatures.

16.1.7 Calculations. Determine the burn rate using the difference between the initial and final fuel (wood heater) weights and the procedures described in section 12.4. Complete the other calculations as described in section 12.0.

17.0 References

Same as Method 5G, with the addition of the following:

1. Radian Corporation, OMNI Environmental Services, Inc., Cumulative Probability for a Given Burn Rate Based on Data Generated in the CONEC and BPA Studies. Package of materials submitted to the Fifth Session of the Regulatory Negotiation Committee, July 16-17, 1986.

18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

TABLE 28-1—BURN RATE WEIGHTED PROBABILITIES FOR CALCULATING WEIGHTED AVERAGE EMISSION RATES

Burn rate (kg/hr-dry)	Cumulative probability (P)	Burn rate (kg/hr-dry)	Cumulative probability (P)	Burn rate (kg/hr-dry)	Cumulative probability (P)
0.00	0.000	1.70	0.840	3.40	0.989
0.05	0.002	1.75	0.857	3.45	0.989
0.10	0.007	1.80	0.875	3.50	0.990
0.15	0.012	1.85	0.882	3.55	0.991
0.20	0.016	1.90	0.895	3.60	0.991
0.25	0.021	1.95	0.906	3.65	0.992
0.30	0.028	2.00	0.912	3.70	0.992
0.35	0.033	2.05	0.920	3.75	0.992
0.40	0.041	2.10	0.925	3.80	0.993
0.45	0.054	2.15	0.932	3.85	0.994
0.50	0.065	2.20	0.936	3.90	0.994
0.55	0.086	2.25	0.940	3.95	0.994
0.60	0.100	2.30	0.945	4.00	0.994
0.65	0.121	2.35	0.951	4.05	0.995
0.70	0.150	2.40	0.956	4.10	0.995
0.75	0.185	2.45	0.959	4.15	0.995
0.80	0.220	2.50	0.964	4.20	0.995
0.85	0.254	2.55	0.968	4.25	0.995
0.90	0.300	2.60	0.972	4.30	0.996
0.95	0.328	2.65	0.975	4.35	0.996
1.00	0.380	2.70	0.977	4.40	0.996
1.05	0.407	2.75	0.979	4.45	0.996
1.10	0.460	2.80	0.980	4.50	0.996
1.15	0.490	2.85	0.981	4.55	0.996
1.20	0.550	2.90	0.982	4.60	0.996
1.25	0.572	2.95	0.984	4.65	0.996
1.30	0.620	3.00	0.984	4.70	0.996
1.35	0.654	3.05	0.985	4.75	0.997
1.40	0.695	3.10	0.986	4.80	0.997
1.45	0.722	3.15	0.987	4.85	0.997
1.50	0.750	3.20	0.987	4.90	0.997
1.55	0.779	3.25	0.988	4.95	0.997
1.60	0.800	3.30	0.988	≥5.00	1.000
1.65	0.825	3.35	0.989		

<b>Appliance Identification</b>															
Appliance Manufacturer _____	Address _____														
_____	Agent and phone number _____														
_____	Name and Model number _____														
_____	Weight _____														
_____	Serial number _____														
Design: Catalytic _____	Noncatalytic _____														
Insert _____	Freestanding _____														
Woodheater Description: (Attach figure showing air supplies and firebox configuration)															
Materials of construction: _____															
_____															
Air Introduction System: _____															
_____															
Combustion Control Mechanisms: _____															
_____															
Internal Baffles: _____															
_____															
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Figure 28-1. Wood Heater and Test Fuel Information.

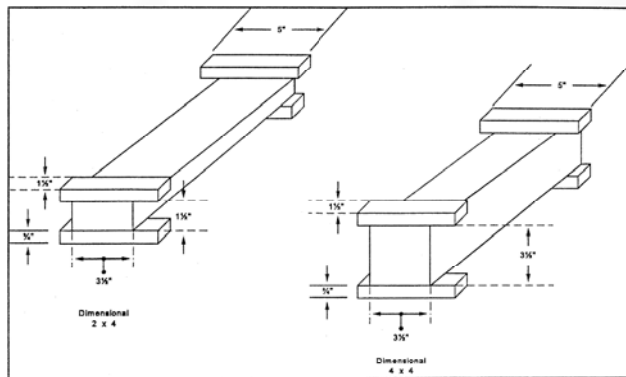


Figure 28-2. Test Fuel Spacer Dimensions.

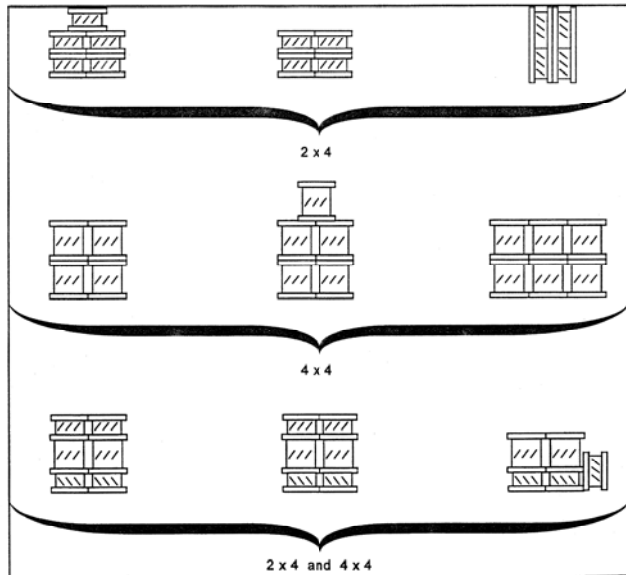


Figure 28-3. Test Fuel Crib Arrangements.



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 Sampling Method \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Wood Heater Information</b>	<b>Test Run Information</b>
Manufacturer _____	Test Run No. _____
Model _____	Burn Rate _____
Primary Air Setting _____	Room Temperature before/after _____ / _____
Secondary Air Setting _____	Barometric Pressure before/after _____ / _____
Thermostat Setting _____	Relative Humidity before/after _____ / _____
Other Settings _____	Room Air Velocity before/after _____ / _____
	Surface Temp Average Pretest _____ end _____

Test Run Time (minutes)	Test Fuel Scale Reading (lb)	Surface Temperature	Catalyst Temperature		Flue Draft (in. H <sub>2</sub> O)
			Inlet (°F)	Outlet (°F)	
(Pretest Period)					
(Test Run Start)					

Figure 28-4. Test Run Wood Heater Operation Data Sheet.

**METHOD 28A—MEASUREMENT OF AIR- TO-FUEL RATIO AND MINIMUM ACHIEVABLE BURN RATES FOR WOOD-FIRED APPLIANCES**

NOTE: This method does not include all of the specifications (e.g., equipment and supplies) and procedures (e.g., sampling and analytical) essential to its performance. Some material is incorporated by reference from other methods in this part. Therefore, to ob-

tain reliable results, persons using this method should also have a thorough knowledge of at least the following additional test methods: Method 3, Method 3A, Method 5H, Method 6C, and Method 28.

*1.0 Scope and Application*

1.1 Analyte. Particulate matter (PM). No CAS number assigned.

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1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the measurement of air-to-fuel ratios and minimum achievable burn rates, for determining whether a wood-fired appliance is an affected facility, as specified in 40 CFR 60.530.

1.3 Data Quality Objectives. Adherence to the requirements of this method will enhance the quality of the data obtained from air pollutant sampling methods.

### 2.0 Summary of Method

2.1 A gas sample is extracted from a location in the stack of a wood-fired appliance while the appliance is operating at a prescribed set of conditions. The gas sample is analyzed for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>), and carbon monoxide (CO). These stack gas components are measured for determining the dry molecular weight of the exhaust gas. Total moles of exhaust gas are determined stoichiometrically. Air-to-fuel ratio is determined by relating the mass of dry combustion air to the mass of dry fuel consumed.

### 3.0 Definitions

Same as Method 28, section 3.0, with the addition of the following:

3.1 Air-to-fuel ratio means the ratio of the mass of dry combustion air introduced into the firebox to the mass of dry fuel consumed (grams of dry air per gram of dry wood burned).

### 4.0 Interferences [Reserved]

### 5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method may not address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to performing this test method.

### 6.0 Equipment and Supplies

6.1 Test Facility. Insulated Solid Pack Chimney, Platform Scale and Monitor, Test Facility Temperature Monitor, Balance, Moisture Meter, Anemometer, Barometer, Draft Gauge, Humidity Gauge, Wood Heater Flue, and Test Facility. Same as Method 28, sections 6.1, 6.2, and 6.4 to 6.12, respectively.

6.2 Sampling System. Probe, Condenser, Valve, Pump, Rate Meter, Flexible Bag, Pressure Gauge, and Vacuum Gauge. Same as Method 3, sections 6.2.1 to 6.2.8, respectively. Alternatively, the sampling system described in Method 5H, section 6.1 may be used.

6.3 Exhaust Gas Analysis. Use one or both of the following:

6.3.1 Orsat Analyzer. Same as Method 3, section 6.1.3

6.3.2 Instrumental Analyzers. Same as Method 5H, sections 6.1.3.4 and 6.1.3.5, for CO<sub>2</sub> and CO analyzers, except use a CO analyzer with a range of 0 to 5 percent and use a CO<sub>2</sub> analyzer with a range of 0 to 5 percent. Use an O<sub>2</sub> analyzer capable of providing a measure of O<sub>2</sub> in the range of 0 to 25 percent by volume at least once every 10 minutes.

### 7.0 Reagents and Standards

7.1 Test Fuel and Test Fuel Spacers. Same as Method 28, sections 7.1 and 7.2, respectively.

7.2 Cylinder Gases. For each of the three analyzers, use the same concentration as specified in sections 7.2.1, 7.2.2, and 7.2.3 of Method 6C.

### 8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

#### 8.1 Wood Heater Air Supply Adjustments.

8.1.1 This section describes how dampers are to be set or adjusted and air inlet ports closed or sealed during Method 28A tests. The specifications in this section are intended to ensure that affected facility determinations are made on the facility configurations that could reasonably be expected to be employed by the user. They are also intended to prevent circumvention of the standard through the addition of an air port that would often be blocked off in actual use. These specifications are based on the assumption that consumers will remove such items as dampers or other closure mechanism stops if this can be done readily with household tools; that consumers will block air inlet passages not visible during normal operation of the appliance using aluminum tape or parts generally available at retail stores; and that consumers will cap off any threaded or flanged air inlets. They also assume that air leakage around glass doors, sheet metal joints or through inlet grilles visible during normal operation of the appliance would not be further blocked or taped off by a consumer.

8.1.2 It is not the intention of this section to cause an appliance that is clearly designed, intended, and, in most normal installations, used as a fireplace to be converted into a wood heater for purposes of applicability testing. Such a fireplace would be identifiable by such features as large or multiple glass doors or panels that are not gasketed, relatively unrestricted air inlets intended, in large part, to limit smoking and fogging of glass surfaces, and other aesthetic features not normally included in wood heaters.

8.1.3 Adjustable Air Supply Mechanisms. Any commercially available flue damper, other adjustment mechanism or other air

inlet port that is designed, intended or otherwise reasonably expected to be adjusted or closed by consumers, installers, or dealers and which could restrict air into the firebox shall be set so as to achieve minimum air into the firebox (*i.e.*, closed off or set in the most closed position).

8.1.3.1 Flue dampers, mechanisms and air inlet ports which could reasonably be expected to be adjusted or closed would include:

8.1.3.1.1 All internal or externally adjustable mechanisms (including adjustments that affect the tightness of door fittings) that are accessible either before and/or after installation.

8.1.3.1.2 All mechanisms, other inlet ports, or inlet port stops that are identified in the owner's manual or in any dealer literature as being adjustable or alterable. For example, an inlet port that could be used to provide access to an outside air duct but which is identified as being closable through use of additional materials whether or not they are supplied with the facility.

8.1.3.1.3 Any combustion air inlet port or commercially available flue damper or mechanism stop, which would readily lend itself to closure by consumers who are handy with household tools by the removal of parts or the addition of parts generally available at retail stores (*e.g.*, addition of a pipe cap or plug, addition of a small metal plate to an inlet hole on a nondecorative sheet metal surface, or removal of riveted or screwed damper stops).

8.1.3.1.4 Any flue damper, other adjustment mechanisms or other air inlet ports that are found and documented in several (*e.g.*, a number sufficient to reasonably conclude that the practice is not unique or uncommon) actual installations as having been adjusted to a more closed position, or closed by consumers, installers, or dealers.

8.1.4 Air Supply Adjustments During Test. The test shall be performed with all air inlets identified under this section in the closed or most closed position or in the configuration which otherwise achieves the lowest air inlet (*i.e.*, greatest blockage).

NOTE: For the purposes of this section, air flow shall not be minimized beyond the point necessary to maintain combustion or beyond the point that forces smoke into the room.

8.1.5 Notwithstanding section 8.1.1, any flue damper, adjustment mechanism, or air inlet port (whether or not equipped with flue dampers or adjusting mechanisms) that is visible during normal operation of the appliance and which could not reasonably be closed further or blocked except through means that would significantly degrade the aesthetics of the facility (*e.g.*, through use of duct tape) will not be closed further or blocked.

8.2 Sampling System.

8.2.1 Sampling Location. Same as Method 5H, section 8.1.2.

8.2.2 Sampling System Set Up. Set up the sampling equipment as described in Method 3, section 8.1.

8.3 Wood Heater Installation, Test Facility Conditions, Wood Heater Firebox Volume, and Test Fuel Charge. Same as Method 28, sections 8.4 and 8.6 to 8.8, respectively.

8.4 Pretest Ignition. Same as Method 28, section 8.11. Set the wood heater air supply settings to achieve a burn rate in Category 1 or the lowest achievable burn rate (see section 8.1).

8.5 Test Run. Same as Method 28, section 8.12. Begin sample collection at the start of the test run as defined in Method 28, section 8.12.1.

8.5.1 Gas Analysis.

8.5.1.1 If Method 3 is used, collect a minimum of two bag samples simultaneously at a constant sampling rate for the duration of the test run. A minimum sample volume of 30 liters (1.1 ft<sup>3</sup>) per bag is recommended.

8.5.1.2 If instrumental gas concentration measurement procedures are used, conduct the gas measurement system performance tests, analyzer calibration, and analyzer calibration error check outlined in Method 6C, sections 8.2.3, 8.2.4, 8.5, and 10.0, respectively. Sample at a constant rate for the duration of the test run.

8.5.2 Data Recording. Record wood heater operational data, test facility temperature, sample train flow rate, and fuel weight data at intervals of no greater than 10 minutes.

8.5.3 Test Run Completion. Same as Method 28, section 8.13.

#### 9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Data Validation. The following quality control procedure is suggested to provide a check on the quality of the data.

9.1.1 Calculate a fuel factor,  $F_o$ , using Equation 28A-1 in section 12.2.

9.1.2 If CO is present in quantities measurable by this method, adjust the O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> values before performing the calculation for  $F_o$ , as shown in section 12.3 and 12.4.

9.1.3 Compare the calculated  $F_o$  factor with the expected  $F_o$  range for wood (1.000-1.120). Calculated  $F_o$  values beyond this acceptable range should be investigated before accepting the test results. For example, the strength of the solutions in the gas analyzer and the analyzing technique should be checked by sampling and analyzing a known concentration, such as air. If no detectable or correctable measurement error can be identified, the test should be repeated. Alternatively, determine a range of air-to-fuel ratio results that could include the correct value by using an  $F_o$  value of 1.05 and calculating a potential range of CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> values. Acceptance of such results will be based on whether the calculated range includes the

exemption limit and the judgment of the Administrator.

9.2 Method 3 Analyses. Compare the results of the analyses of the two bag samples. If all the gas components (O<sub>2</sub>, CO, and CO<sub>2</sub>) values for the two analyses agree within 0.5 percent (e.g., 6.0 percent O<sub>2</sub> for bag 1 and 6.5 percent O<sub>2</sub> for bag 2, agree within 0.5 percent), the results of the bag analyses may be averaged for the calculations in section 12. If the analysis results do not agree within 0.5 percent for each component, calculate the air-to-fuel ratio using both sets of analyses and report the results.

#### 10.0 Calibration and Standardization [Reserved]

#### 11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Method 3 Integrated Bag Samples. Within 4 hours after the sample collection, analyze each bag sample for percent CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and CO using an Orsat analyzer as described in Method 3, section 11.0.

11.2 Instrumental Analyzers. Average the percent CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, and O<sub>2</sub> values for the test run.

#### 12.0 Data Analyses and Calculations

Carry out calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figure after the final calculation. Other forms of the equations may be used as long as they give equivalent results.

#### 12.1 Nomenclature.

M<sub>d</sub> = Dry molecular weight, g/g-mole (lb/lb-mole).

N<sub>T</sub> = Total gram-moles of dry exhaust gas per kg of wood burned (lb-moles/lb).

%CO<sub>2</sub> = Percent CO<sub>2</sub> by volume (dry basis).

%CO = Percent CO by volume (dry basis).

%N<sub>2</sub> = Percent N<sub>2</sub> by volume (dry basis).

%O<sub>2</sub> = Percent O<sub>2</sub> by volume (dry basis).

Y<sub>HC</sub> = Assumed mole fraction of HC (dry as CH<sub>4</sub>) = 0.0088 for catalytic wood heaters; = 0.0132 for noncatalytic wood heaters; = 0.0080 for pellet-fired wood heaters.

Y<sub>CO</sub> = Measured mole fraction of CO (e.g., 1 percent CO = .01 mole fraction), g/g-mole (lb/lb-mole).

Y<sub>CO2</sub> = Measured mole fraction of CO<sub>2</sub> (e.g., 10 percent CO<sub>2</sub> = .10 mole fraction), g/g-mole (lb/lb-mole).

0.280 = Molecular weight of N<sub>2</sub> or CO, divided by 100.

0.320 = Molecular weight of O<sub>2</sub> divided by 100.

0.440 = Molecular weight of CO<sub>2</sub> divided by 100.

20.9 = Percent O<sub>2</sub> by volume in ambient air.

42.5 = Gram-moles of carbon in 1 kg of dry wood assuming 51 percent carbon by weight dry basis (.0425 lb/lb-mole).

510 = Grams of carbon in exhaust gas per kg of wood burned.

1,000 = Grams in 1 kg.

12.2 Fuel Factor. Use Equation 28A-1 to calculate the fuel factor.

$$F_o = \frac{20.9 - \%O_2}{\%CO_2} \quad \text{Eq. 28A-1}$$

12.3 Adjusted %CO<sub>2</sub>. Use Equation 28A-2 to adjust CO<sub>2</sub> values if measurable CO is present.

$$\%CO_{2(\text{adj})} = \%CO_2 + \%CO \quad \text{Eq. 28A-2}$$

12.4 Adjusted %O<sub>2</sub>. Use Equation 28A-3 to adjust O<sub>2</sub> value if measurable CO is present.

$$\%O_{2(\text{adj})} = \%O_2 - 0.5\%CO \quad \text{Eq. 28A-3}$$

12.5 Dry Molecular Weight. Use Equation 28A-4 to calculate the dry molecular weight of the stack gas.

$$M_d = 0.440(\%CO_2) + 0.320(\%O_2) + 0.280(\%N_2 + \%CO) \quad \text{Eq. 28A-4}$$

NOTE: The above equation does not consider argon in air (about 0.9 percent, molecular weight of 39.9). A negative error of about 0.4 percent is introduced. Argon may

be included in the analysis using procedures subject to approval of the Administrator.

12.6 Dry Moles of Exhaust Gas. Use Equation 28A-5 to calculate the total moles of dry exhaust gas produced per kilogram of dry wood burned.

$$N_T = \frac{42.5}{(Y_{CO_2} + Y_{CO} + Y_{HC})} \quad \text{Eq. 28A-5}$$

12.7 Air-to-Fuel Ratio. Use Equation 28A-6 to calculate the air-to-fuel ratio on a dry mass basis.

$$A/F = \frac{(N_T \times M_d) - 510}{1,000} \quad \text{Eq. 28A-6}$$

12.8 Burn Rate. Calculate the fuel burn rate as in Method 28, section 12.4.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as section 16.0 of Method 3 and section 17 of Method 5G.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data [Reserved]

TEST METHOD 28R FOR CERTIFICATION AND AUDITING OF WOOD HEATERS

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 This test method applies to certification and auditing of wood-fired room heaters and fireplace inserts.

1.2 The test method covers the fueling and operating protocol for measuring particulate emissions, as well as determining burn rates, heat output and efficiency.

1.3 Particulate emissions are measured by the dilution tunnel method as specified in ASTM E2515-11 *Standard Test Method for Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions Collected in a Dilution Tunnel* (IBR, see §60.17). Upon request, four-inch filters may be used. Upon request, Teflon membrane filters or Teflon-coated glass fiber filters may be used.

2.0 Procedures

2.1 This method incorporates the provisions of ASTM E2780-10 (IBR, see §60.17) except as follows:

2.1.1 The burn rate categories, low burn rate requirement, and weightings in Method 28 shall be used.

2.1.2 The startup procedures shall be the same as in Method 28.

2.1.3 Manufacturers shall not specify a smaller volume of the firebox for testing than the full usable firebox.

2.1.4 Prior to testing, the heater must be operated for a minimum of 50 hours using a medium burn rate. The conditioning may be at the manufacturer's facility prior to the certification test. If the conditioning is at the certification test laboratory, the pre-burn for the first test can be included as part of the conditioning requirement.

2.2 Manufacturers may use ASTM E871-82 (reapproved 2013) (IBR, see §60.17) as an alternative to the procedures in Method 5H or Method 28 for determining total weight basis moisture in the analysis sample of particulate wood fuel.

TEST METHOD 28WHH FOR MEASUREMENT OF PARTICULATE EMISSIONS AND HEATING EFFICIENCY OF WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATING APPLIANCES

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 This test method applies to wood-fired hydronic heating appliances. The units typically transfer heat through circulation of a liquid heat exchange media such as water or a water-antifreeze mixture.

1.2 The test method measures particulate emissions and delivered heating efficiency at specified heat output rates based on the appliance's rated heating capacity.

1.3 Particulate emissions are measured by the dilution tunnel method as specified in ASTM E2515-11 *Standard Test Method for Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions Collected in a Dilution Tunnel* (IBR, see §60.17). Upon request, four-inch filters may be used. Upon request, Teflon membrane filters or Teflon-coated glass fiber filters may be used. Delivered efficiency is measured by determining the heat output through measurement of the flow rate and temperature change of water circulated through a heat exchanger external to the appliance and determining the input from the mass of dry wood fuel and its higher heating value. Delivered efficiency does not attempt to account for pipeline loss.

1.4 Products covered by this test method include both pressurized and non-pressurized heating appliances intended to be fired with wood. These products are wood-fired hydronic heating appliances that the manufacturer specifies for indoor or outdoor installation. They are often connected to a heat exchanger by insulated pipes and normally include a pump to circulate heated liquid. They are used to heat structures such as homes, barns and greenhouses and can heat domestic hot water, spas or swimming pools.

1.5 Distinguishing features, of products covered by this standard include:

1.5.1 Manufacturer specifies for indoor or outdoor installation.

1.5.2 A firebox with an access door for hand loading of fuel.

1.5.3 Typically, an aquastat that controls combustion air supply to maintain the liquid in the appliance within a predetermined temperature range provided sufficient fuel is available in the firebox.

1.5.4 A chimney or vent that exhausts combustion products from the appliance.

1.6 The values stated are to be regarded as the standard whether in I-P or SI units. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

#### 2.0 Summary of Method and References

2.1 Particulate matter emissions are measured from a wood-fired hydronic heating appliance burning a prepared test fuel crib in a test facility maintained at a set of prescribed conditions. Procedures for determining burn rates, and particulate emissions rates and for reducing data are provided.

#### 2.2 Referenced Documents

##### 2.2.1 EPA Standards

2.2.1.1 Method 28 Certification and Auditing of Wood Heaters

##### 2.2.2 Other Standards

2.2.2.1 ASTM E2515-11—*Standard Test Method for Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions Collected in a Dilution Tunnel* (IBR, see §60.17).

2.2.2.2 CSA-B415.1-10 *Performance Testing of Solid-Fuel-Burning Heating Appliances* (IBR, see §60.17).

#### 3.0 Terminology

##### 3.1 Definitions.

3.1.1 Hydronic Heating—A heating system in which a heat source supplies energy to a liquid heat exchange media such as water that is circulated to a heating load and returned to the heat source through pipes.

3.1.2 Aquastat—A control device that opens or closes a circuit to control the rate of fuel consumption in response to the temperature of the heating media in the heating appliance.

3.1.3 Delivered Efficiency—The percentage of heat available in a test fuel charge that is delivered to a simulated heating load as specified in this test method.

3.1.4 Manufacturer's Rated Heat Output Capacity—The value in Btu/hr (MJ/hr) that the manufacturer specifies that a particular model of hydronic heating appliance is capable of supplying at its design capacity as verified by testing, in accordance with Section 13.

3.1.5 Burn Rate—The rate at which test fuel is consumed in an appliance. Measured in pounds (lbs) or kilograms of wood (dry basis) per hour (lb/hr or kg/hr).

3.1.6 Firebox—The chamber in the appliance in which the test fuel charge is placed and combusted.

3.1.7 Test Fuel Charge—The collection of test fuel layers placed in the appliance at the start of the emission test run.

3.1.8 Test Fuel Layer—Horizontal arrangement of test fuel units.

3.1.9 Test Fuel Unit—One or more test fuel pieces with  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch (19 mm) spacers attached to the bottom and to one side. If composed of multiple test fuel pieces, the bottom spacer may be one continuous piece.

3.1.10 Test Fuel Piece—A single  $4 \times 4$  ( $4 \pm 0.25$  inches by  $4 \pm 0.25$  inches) [ $100 \pm 6$  mm by  $100 \pm 6$  mm] white or red oak wood piece cut to the length required.

3.1.11 Test Run—An individual emission test that encompasses the time required to consume the mass of the test fuel charge.

3.1.12 Overall Efficiency (SLM)—The efficiency for each test run as determined using the CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17) stack loss method.

3.1.13 Thermopile—A device consisting of a number of thermocouples connected in series, used for measuring differential temperature.

#### 4.0 Summary of Test Method

4.1 Dilution Tunnel. Emissions are determined using the "dilution tunnel" method specified in ASTM E2515-11 *Standard Test Method for Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions Collected in a Dilution Tunnel* (IBR, see §60.17). The flow rate in the dilution tunnel is maintained at a constant level throughout the test cycle and accurately measured. Samples of the dilution tunnel flow stream are extracted at a constant flow rate and drawn through high efficiency filters. The filters are dried and weighed before and after the test to determine the emissions catch and this value is multiplied by the ratio of tunnel flow to filter flow to determine the total particulate emissions produced in the test cycle.

4.2 Efficiency. The efficiency test procedure takes advantage of the fact that this type of appliance delivers heat through circulation of the heated liquid (water) from the appliance to a remote heat exchanger and back to the appliance. Measurements of the water temperature difference as it enters and exits the heat exchanger along with the measured flow rate allow for an accurate determination of the useful heat output of the appliance. The input is determined by weight of the test fuel charge, adjusted for moisture content, multiplied by the higher heating value. Additional measurements of the appliance weight and temperature at the beginning and end of a test cycle are used to correct for heat stored in the appliance. Overall efficiency (SLM) is determined using the CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17) stack loss method for data quality assurance purposes.

4.3 Operation. Appliance operation is conducted on a hot-to-hot test cycle meaning that the appliance is brought to operating

temperature and a coal bed is established prior to the addition of the test fuel charge and measurements are made for each test fuel charge cycle. The measurements are made under constant heat draw conditions within predetermined ranges. No attempt is made to modulate the heat demand to simulate an indoor thermostat cycling on and off in response to changes in the indoor environment. Four test categories are used. These are:

4.3.1 Category I: A heat output of 15 percent or less of manufacturer's rated heat output capacity.

4.3.2 Category II: A heat output of 16 percent to 24 percent of manufacturer's rated heat output capacity.

4.3.3 Category III: A heat output of 25 percent to 50 percent of manufacturer's rated heat output capacity.

4.3.4 Category IV: Manufacturer's rated heat output capacity.

#### 5.0 Significance and Use

5.1 The measurement of particulate matter emission rates is an important test method widely used in the practice of air pollution control.

5.1.1 These measurements, when approved by state or federal agencies, are often required for the purpose of determining compliance with regulations and statutes.

5.1.2 The measurements made before and after design modifications are necessary to demonstrate the effectiveness of design changes in reducing emissions and make this standard an important tool in manufacturers' research and development programs.

5.2 Measurement of heating efficiency provides a uniform basis for comparison of product performance that is useful to the consumer. It is also required to relate emissions produced to the useful heat production.

5.3 This is a laboratory method and is not intended to be fully representative of all actual field use. It is recognized that users of hand-fired, wood-burning equipment have a great deal of influence over the performance of any wood-burning appliance. Some compromises in realism have been made in the interest of providing a reliable and repeatable test method.

#### 6.0 Test Equipment

6.1 Scale. A platform scale capable of weighing the appliance under test and associated parts and accessories when completely filled with water to an accuracy of  $\pm 1.0$  pound ( $\pm 0.5$  kg).

6.2 Heat Exchanger. A water-to-water heat exchanger capable of dissipating the expected heat output from the system under test.

6.3 Water Temperature Difference Measurement. A Type-T 'special limits' thermopile with a minimum of 5 pairs of junctions

shall be used to measure the temperature difference in water entering and leaving the heat exchanger. The temperature difference measurement uncertainty of this type of thermopile is equal to or less than  $\pm 0.50$  °F ( $\pm 0.25$  °C). Other temperature measurement methods may be used if the temperature difference measurement uncertainty is equal to or less than  $\pm 0.50$  °F ( $\pm 0.25$  °C).

6.4 Water Flow Meter. A water flow meter shall be installed in the inlet to the load side of the heat exchanger. The flow meter shall have an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  percent of measured flow.

6.4.1 Optional—Appliance Side Water Flow Meter. A water flow meter with an accuracy of  $\pm 1$  percent of the flow rate is recommended to monitor supply side water flow rate.

6.5 Optional Recirculation Pump. Circulating pump used during test to prevent stratification of liquid being heated.

6.6 Water Temperature Measurement—Thermocouples or other temperature sensors to measure the water temperature at the inlet and outlet of the load side of the heat exchanger. Must meet the calibration requirements specified in section 10.1.

6.7 Wood Moisture Meter—Calibrated electrical resistance meter capable of measuring test fuel moisture to within 1 percent moisture content. Must meet the calibration requirements specified in section 10.4.

6.8 Flue Gas Temperature Measurement—Must meet the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see § 60.17), clause 6.2.2.

6.9 Test Room Temperature Measurement—Must meet the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see § 60.17), clause 6.2.1.

6.10 Flue Gas Composition Measurement—Must meet the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see § 60.17), clauses 6.3.1 through 6.3.3.

#### 7.0 Safety

7.1 These tests involve combustion of wood fuel and substantial release of heat and products of combustion. The heating system also produces large quantities of very hot water and the potential for steam production and system pressurization. Appropriate precautions must be taken to protect personnel from burn hazards and respiration of products of combustion.

#### 8.0 Sampling, Test Specimens and Test Appliances

8.1 Test specimens shall be supplied as complete appliances including all controls and accessories necessary for installation in the test facility. A full set of specifications and design and assembly drawings shall be provided when the product is to be placed under certification of a third-party agency. The manufacturer's written installation and operating instructions are to be used as a

guide in the set-up and testing of the appliance.

#### 9.0 Preparation of Test Equipment

9.1 The appliance is to be placed on a scale capable of weighing the appliance fully loaded with a resolution of  $\pm 1.0$  lb (0.5 kg).

9.2 The appliance shall be fitted with the type of chimney recommended or provided by the manufacturer and extending to  $15 \pm 0.5$  feet ( $4.6 \pm 0.15$  m) from the upper surface of the scale. If no flue or chimney system is recommended or provided by the manufacturer, connect the appliance to a flue of a diameter equal to the flue outlet of the appliance. The flue section from the appliance flue collar to  $8 \pm 0.5$  feet above the scale shall be single wall stove pipe and the remainder of the flue shall be double wall insulated class A chimney.

#### 9.3 Optional Equipment Use

9.3.1 A recirculation pump may be installed between connections at the top and bottom of the appliance to minimize thermal stratification if specified by the manufacturer. The pump shall not be installed in such a way as to change or affect the flow rate between the appliance and the heat exchanger.

9.3.2 If the manufacturer specifies that a thermal control valve or other device be installed and set to control the return water temperature to a specific set point, the valve or other device shall be installed and set per the manufacturer's written instructions.

9.4 Prior to filling the tank, weigh and record the appliance mass.

#### 9.5 Heat Exchanger

9.5.1 Plumb the unit to a water-to-water heat exchanger with sufficient capacity to draw off heat at the maximum rate anticipated. Route hoses, electrical cables, and instrument wires in a manner that does not influence the weighing accuracy of the scale as indicated by placing dead weights on the platform and verifying the scale's accuracy.

9.5.2 Locate thermocouples to measure the water temperature at the inlet and outlet of the load side of the heat exchanger.

9.5.3 Install a thermopile meeting the requirements of section 6.3 to measure the water temperature difference between the inlet and outlet of the load side of the heat exchanger.

9.5.4 Install a calibrated water flow meter in the heat exchanger load side supply line. The water flow meter is to be installed on the cooling water inlet side of the heat exchanger so that it will operate at the temperature at which it is calibrated.

9.5.5 Place the heat exchanger in a box with 2 in. (50 mm) of expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam insulation surrounding it to minimize heat losses from the heat exchanger.

9.5.6 The reported efficiency and heat output rate shall be based on measurements made on the load side of the heat exchanger.

9.5.7 Temperature instrumentation per section 6.6 shall be installed in the appliance outlet and return lines. The average of the outlet and return water temperature on the supply side of the system shall be considered the average appliance temperature for calculation of heat storage in the appliance ( $TF_{avg}$  and  $TL_{avg}$ ). Installation of a water flow meter in the supply side of the system is optional.

9.6 Fill the system with water. Determine the total weight of the water in the appliance when the water is circulating. Verify that the scale indicates a stable weight under operating conditions. Make sure air is purged properly.

#### 10.0 Calibration and Standardization

10.1 Water Temperature Sensors. Temperature measuring equipment shall be calibrated before initial use and at least semi-annually thereafter. Calibrations shall be in compliance with National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Monograph 175, Standard Limits of Error.

10.2 Heat Exchanger Load Side Water Flow Meter.

10.2.1 The heat exchanger load side water flow meter shall be calibrated within the flow range used for the test run using NIST traceable methods. Verify the calibration of the water flow meter before and after each test run and at least once during each test run by comparing the water flow rate indicated by the flow meter to the mass of water collected from the outlet of the heat exchanger over a timed interval. Volume of the collected water shall be determined based on the water density calculated from section 13, Eq. 8, using the water temperature measured at the flow meter. The uncertainty in the verification procedure used shall be 1 percent or less. The water flow rate determined by the collection and weighing method shall be within 1 percent of the flow rate indicated by the water flow meter.

10.3 Scales. The scales used to weigh the appliance and test fuel charge shall be calibrated using NIST traceable methods at least once every 6 months.

10.4 Moisture Meter. The moisture meter shall be calibrated per the manufacturer's instructions and checked before each use.

10.5 Flue Gas Analyzers—In accordance with CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17), clause 6.8.

#### 11.0 Conditioning

11.1 Prior to testing, the appliance is to be operated for a minimum of 50 hours using a medium heat draw rate. The conditioning may be at the manufacturer's facility prior to the certification test. If the conditioning is at the certification test laboratory, the pre-burn for the first test can be included as



part of the conditioning requirement. If conditioning is included in pre-burn, then the appliance shall be aged with fuel meeting the specifications outlined in sections 12.2 with a moisture content between 19 and 25 percent on a dry basis. Operate the appliance at a medium burn rate (Category II or III) for at least 10 hours for noncatalytic appliances and 50 hours for catalytic appliances. Record and report hourly flue gas exit temperature data and the hours of operation. The aging procedure shall be conducted and documented by a testing laboratory.

#### 12.0 Procedure

12.1 Appliance Installation. Assemble the appliance and parts in conformance with the manufacturer's written installation instructions. Clean the flue with an appropriately sized, wire chimney brush before each certification test series.

12.2 Fuel. Test fuel charge fuel shall be red (*Quercus ruba L.*) or white (*Quercus alba*) oak 19 to 25 percent moisture content on a dry basis. Piece length shall be 80 percent of the firebox depth rounded down to the nearest 1 inch (25mm) increment. For example, if the firebox depth is 46 inches (1168mm) the 4 × 4 piece length would be 36 inches (46 inches × 0.8 = 36.8 inches rounded down to 36 inches). Pieces are to be placed in the firebox parallel to the longest firebox dimension. For fireboxes with sloped surfaces that create a non-uniform firebox length, the piece length shall be adjusted for each layer based on 80 percent of the length at the level where the layer is placed. Pieces are to be spaced ¾ inches (19 mm) apart on all faces. The first fuel layer may be assembled using fuel units consisting of multiple 4 × 4s consisting of single pieces with bottom and side spacers of 3 or more pieces if needed for a stable layer. The second layer may consist of fuel units consisting of no more than two pieces with spacers attached on the bottom and side. The top two layers of the fuel charge must consist of single pieces unless the fuel charge is only three layers. In that instance only the top layer must consist of single units. Three-quarter inch (19 mm) by 1.5 inch (38 mm) spacers shall be attached to the bottom of piece to maintain a ¾ inch (19 mm) separation. When a layer consists of two or more units of 4 × 4s an additional ¾ inch (19 mm) thick by 1.5 inch (38 mm) wide spacer shall be attached to the vertical face of each end of one 4 × 4, such that the ¾ inch (19 mm) space will be maintained when two 4 × 4 units or pieces are loaded side by side. In cases where a layer contains an odd number of 4 × 4s one piece shall not be attached, but shall have spacers attached in a manner that will provide for the ¾ inch (19 mm) space to be maintained (See Figure 1). Spacers shall be attached perpendicular to the length of the 4 × 4s such that the edge of the spacer is

1 ± 0.25 inch from the end of the 4 × 4s in the previous layers. Spacers shall be red or white oak and will be attached with either nails (non-galvanized), brads or oak dowels. The use of kiln-dried wood is not allowed.

12.2.1 Using a fuel moisture meter as specified in section 6.7 of the test method, determine the fuel moisture for each test fuel piece used for the test fuel load by averaging at least five fuel moisture meter readings measured parallel to the wood grain. Penetration of the moisture meter insulated electrodes for all readings shall be ¼ the thickness of the fuel piece or 19 mm (¾ in.), whichever is lesser. One measurement from each of three sides shall be made at approximately 3 inches from each end and the center. Two additional measurements shall be made centered between the other three locations. Each individual moisture content reading shall be in the range of 18 to 28 percent on a dry basis. The average moisture content of each piece of test fuel shall be in the range of 19 to 25 percent. It is not required to measure the moisture content of the spacers. Moisture shall not be added to previously dried fuel pieces except by storage under high humidity conditions and temperature up to 100 °F. Fuel moisture shall be measured within 4 hours of using the fuel for a test.

12.2.2 Firebox Volume. Determine the firebox volume in cubic feet. Firebox volume shall include all areas accessible through the fuel loading door where firewood could reasonably be placed up to the horizontal plane defined by the top of the loading door. A drawing of the firebox showing front, side and plan views or an isometric view with interior dimensions shall be provided by the manufacturer and verified by the laboratory. Calculations for firebox volume from computer aided design (CAD) software programs are acceptable and shall be included in the test report if used. If the firebox volume is calculated by the laboratory the firebox drawings and calculations shall be included in the test report.

12.2.3 Test Fuel Charge. Test fuel charges shall be determined by multiplying the firebox volume by 10 pounds (4.54 kg) per ft<sup>3</sup> (28L), or a higher load density as recommended by the manufacturer's printed operating instructions, of wood (as used wet weight). Select the number of pieces of standard fuel that most nearly match this target weight. This is the standard fuel charge for all tests. For example, if the firebox loading area volume is 10 ft<sup>3</sup> (280L) and the firebox depth is 46 inches (1168 mm), test fuel charge target is 100 lbs (45 kg) minimum and the piece length is 36 inches (914 mm). If eight 4 × 4s, 36 inches long weigh 105 lbs (48 kg), use 8 pieces for each test fuel charge. All test fuel charges will be of the same configuration.

12.3 Sampling Equipment. Prepare the particulate emission sampling equipment as defined by ASTM E2515-11 *Standard Test Method for Determination of Particulate Matter Emissions Collected in a Dilution Tunnel* (IBR, see §60.17). Upon request, four-inch filters may be used. Upon request, Teflon membrane filters or Teflon-coated glass fiber filters may be used.

12.4 Appliance Startup. The appliance shall be fired with wood fuel of any species, size and moisture content at the laboratories' discretion to bring it up to operating temperature. Operate the appliance until the water is heated to the upper operating control limit and has cycled at least two times. Then remove all unburned fuel, zero the scale and verify the scales accuracy using dead weights.

12.4.1 Pretest Burn Cycle. Reload appliance with oak wood and allow it to burn down to the specified coal bed weight. The pretest burn cycle fuel charge weight shall be within  $\pm 10$  percent of the test fuel charge weight. Piece size and length shall be selected such that charcoaling is achieved by the time the fuel charge has burned down to the required coal bed weight. Pieces with a maximum thickness of approximately 2 inches have been found to be suitable. Charcoaling is a general condition of the test fuel bed evidenced by an absence of large pieces of burning wood in the coal bed and the remaining fuel pieces being brittle enough to be broken into smaller charcoal pieces with a metal poker. Manipulations to the fuel bed prior to the start of the test run are to be done to achieve charcoaling while maintaining the desired heat output rate. During the pre-test burn cycle and at least one hour prior to starting the test run, adjust water flow to the heat exchanger to establish the target heat draw for the test. For the first test run the heat draw rate shall be equal to the manufacturer's rated heat output capacity.

12.4.1.1 Allowable Adjustments. Fuel addition or subtractions, and coal bed raking shall be kept to a minimum but are allowed up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the test run. For the purposes of this method, coal bed raking is the use of a metal tool (poker) to stir coals, break burning fuel into smaller pieces, dislodge fuel pieces from positions of poor combustion, and check for the condition of charcoaling. Record all adjustments to and additions or subtractions of fuel, and any other changes to the appliance operations that occur during pretest ignition period. During the 15-minute period prior to the start of the test run, the wood heater loading door shall not be open more than a total of 1 minute. Coal bed raking is the only adjustment allowed during this period.

12.4.2 Coal Bed Weight. The appliance is to be loaded with the test fuel charge when the coal bed weight is between 10 percent and

20 percent of the test fuel charge weight. Coals may be raked as necessary to level the coal bed but may only be raked and stirred once between 15 to 20 minutes prior to the addition of the test fuel charge.

12.5 Test Runs. For all test runs, the return water temperature to the hydronic heater must be equal to or greater than 120 °F. Aquastat or other heater output control device settings that are adjustable shall be set using manufacturer specifications, either as factory set or in accordance with the owner's manual, and shall remain the same for all burn categories.

Complete a test run in each heat output rate category, as follows:

12.5.1 Test Run Start. Once the appliance is operating normally and the pretest coal bed weight has reached the target value per section 12.4.2, tare the scale and load the full test charge into the appliance. Time for loading shall not exceed 5 minutes. The actual weight of the test fuel charge shall be measured and recorded within 30 minutes prior to loading. Start all sampling systems.

12.5.1.1 Record all water temperatures, differential water temperatures and water flow rates at time intervals of one minute or less.

12.5.1.2 Record particulate emissions data per the requirements of ASTM E2515 (IBR, see §60.17).

12.5.1.3 Record data needed to determine overall efficiency (SLM) per the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17), clauses 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.3, 8.5.7, 10.4.3 (a), 10.4.3 (f), and 13.7.9.3

12.5.1.3.1 Measure and record the test room air temperature in accordance with the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17), clauses 6.2.1, 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (g).

12.5.1.3.2 Measure and record the flue gas temperature in accordance with the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17), clauses 6.2.2, 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (f).

12.5.1.3.3 Determine and record the carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations in the flue gas in accordance with CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17), clauses 6.3, 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (i) and (j).

12.5.1.3.4 Measure and record the test fuel weight per the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17), clauses 8.5.7 and 10.4.3 (h).

12.5.1.3.5 Record the test run time per the requirements of CSA B415.1-10 (IBR, see §60.17), clauses 10.4.3 (a).

12.5.1.4 Monitor the average heat output rate on the load side of the heat exchanger. If the heat output rate gets close to the upper or lower limit of the target range ( $\pm 5$  percent) adjust the water flow through the heat exchanger to compensate. Make changes as infrequently as possible while maintaining the target heat output rate. The first test run shall be conducted at the Category IV heat output rate to validate that