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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Radioactivity from several naturally occurring and anthropogenic sources is present throughout the environment. Thus, water bodies (e.g. surface waters, ground waters, sea waters) can contain radionuclides of natural, human-made or of both origins:

- natural radionuclides, including  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ , and those originating from the thorium and uranium decay series, in particular  $^{226}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{228}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{234}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Po}$  and  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ , can be found in water for natural reasons (e.g. desorption from the soil and runoff by rain water) or can be released from technological processes involving naturally occurring radioactive materials (e.g. the mining and processing of mineral sands or phosphate fertilizers production and use);
- anthropogenic radionuclides, such as the transuranium elements (e.g. americium, plutonium, neptunium and curium),  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Sr}$ , and some gamma-emitting radionuclides can also be found in natural waters. Small quantities of these radionuclides may be discharged from nuclear fuel cycle facilities into the environment as the result of authorized routine releases. Some of these radionuclides used for medical and industrial applications may also be released into the environment after use. Anthropogenic radionuclides are also found in waters as the result of past fallout contamination resulting from the above ground detonation of nuclear devices and accidents such as those that occurred in Chernobyl and Fukushima.

Radionuclide activity concentration in water bodies can vary according to local geological characteristics and climatic conditions and can be locally and temporally enhanced by releases from nuclear installation during planned, existing and emergency exposure situations<sup>[1]</sup>. Drinking water may thus contain radionuclides at activity concentrations which could present a risk to human health.

The radionuclides present in liquid effluents are usually controlled before being discharged into the environment<sup>[2]</sup> and water bodies. Drinking water may be monitored for their radioactivity as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO)<sup>[3]</sup>. Such control and monitoring can enable to take proper actions to ensure that there is no adverse health effects to the public. Following these international recommendations, radionuclide authorized concentration limits for liquid effluent discharged to the environment and radionuclide guidance levels for water bodies and drinking water are usually specified by national regulations for planned, existing and emergency exposure situations. Compliance with these limits can be assessed using measurement results with their associated uncertainties as requested by ISO/IEC Guide 98-3 and ISO 5667-20.

Depending on the exposure situation, the limits and guidance levels that would result in an action to reduce health risk differ. As an example, during planned or existing situation, the WHO guidance for screening levels in drinking water is  $0,5 \text{ Bq}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$  for gross alpha activity and  $1 \text{ Bq}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$  for gross beta activity.

**NOTE** The guidance level is the activity concentration with an intake of  $2 \text{ l}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$  of drinking water for 1 year that results in an effective dose of  $0,1 \text{ mSv}\cdot\text{a}^{-1}$  for members of the public, an effective dose that represents a very low level of risk that is not expected to give rise to any detectable adverse health effect<sup>[3]</sup>.

Thus, the test method may need to be adjusted depending if it is applied for either a planned-existing or an emergency situation since during emergency situations, a large number of samples needs to be rapidly characterized. The test methods could be adapted so that its performance in term of characteristic limits, decision threshold and detection limit, and the uncertainties ensure that the gross activity concentration test results permit the verification that they are below the guidance levels required by national authority for either planned-existing situations or an emergency situation<sup>[5]</sup><sup>[6]</sup><sup>[7]</sup>.

Usually, the test methods can be adjusted to measure the gross activity concentration of the radionuclide(s) in either wastewaters before storage or in liquid effluents before being discharged to the environment. The test results will enable the plant/installation operator to comply with national regulations in verifying that before their discharge, wastewaters/liquid effluent radioactive activity concentrations are lower than the authorized limits.

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The test method(s) described in this document may be used during planned, existing and emergency exposure situations, as well as for wastewaters and liquid effluents with specific modifications that could increase the overall uncertainty, detection limit and threshold.

The test method(s) may be used for water samples after proper sampling, sample handling and test sample preparation (see the ad hoc part of ISO 5667).

An international standard on a test method of gross alpha and gross beta activity concentrations in water samples is justified for test laboratories carrying out these measurements and may be required by national authorities, as laboratories may have to obtain a specific accreditation for radionuclide measurement of drinking water samples.

This document is one of a set of International Standards on test methods dealing with the measurement of the activity concentration of radionuclides in water samples.

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