

**METHOD 5F - DETERMINATION OF NONSULFATE PARTICULATE MATTER
EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES**

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, and Method 5.

1.0 Scope and Applications.

1.1 Analyte. Nonsulfate particulate matter (PM). No CAS number assigned.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of nonsulfate PM emissions from stationary sources. Use of this method must be specified by an applicable subpart of the standards, or approved by the Administrator for a particular application.

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.

Particulate matter is withdrawn isokinetically from the source and collected on a filter maintained at a temperature in the range 160 ± 14 °C (320 ± 25 °F). The

collected sample is extracted with water. A portion of the extract is analyzed for sulfate content by ion chromatography. The remainder is neutralized with ammonium hydroxide (NH_4OH), dried, and weighed. The weight of sulfate in the sample is calculated as ammonium sulfate $[(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4]$, and is subtracted from the total particulate weight; the result is reported as nonsulfate particulate matter.

3.0 *Definitions.* [Reserved]

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 *Sample Collection and Recovery.* Same as Method 5, Sections 6.1 and 6.2, respectively.

6.2 *Sample Analysis.* Same as Method 5, Section 6.3, with the addition of the following:

6.2.1 Erlenmeyer Flasks. 125-ml, with ground glass joints.

6.2.2 Air Condenser. With ground glass joint compatible with the Erlenmeyer flasks.

6.2.3 Beakers. 600-ml.

6.2.4 Volumetric Flasks. 1-liter, 500-ml (one for each sample), 200-ml, and 50-ml (one for each sample and standard).

6.2.5 Pipet. 5-ml (one for each sample and standard).

6.2.6 Ion Chromatograph. The ion chromatograph should have at least the following components.

6.2.6.1 Columns. An anion separation column or other column capable of resolving the sulfate ion from other species present and a standard anion suppressor column. Suppressor columns are produced as proprietary items; however, one can be produced in the laboratory using the resin available from BioRad Company, 32nd and Griffin Streets, Richmond, California. Other systems which do not use suppressor columns may also be used.

6.2.6.2 Pump. Capable of maintaining a steady flow as required by the system.

6.2.6.3 Flow Gauges. Capable of measuring the specified system flow rate.

6.2.6.4 Conductivity Detector.

6.2.6.5 Recorder. Compatible with the output voltage range of the detector.

7.0 *Reagents and Standards.*

Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents conform to the specifications established by the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society, where such specifications are available; otherwise, use the best available grade.

7.1 Sample Collection. Same as Method 5, Section 7.1.

7.2 Sample Recovery. Same as Method 5, Section 7.2, with the addition of the following:

7.2.1 Water. Deionized distilled, to conform to ASTM D 1193-77 or 91 Type 3 (incorporated by reference - see §60.17). The potassium permanganate (KMnO_4) test for oxidizable organic matter may be omitted when high concentrations of organic matter are not expected to be present.

7.3 Analysis. Same as Method 5, Section 7.3, with the addition of the following:

7.3.1 Water. Same as in Section 7.2.1.

7.3.2 Stock Standard Solution, 1 mg $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ /ml. Dry an adequate amount of primary standard grade ammonium sulfate [$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$] at 105 to 110 °C (220 to 230 °F) for a

minimum of 2 hours before preparing the standard solution. Then dissolve exactly 1.000 g of dried $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ in water in a 1-liter volumetric flask, and dilute to 1 liter. Mix well.

7.3.3 Working Standard Solution, 25 μg $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4/\text{ml}$. Pipet 5 ml of the stock standard solution into a 200-ml volumetric flask. Dilute to 200 ml with water.

7.3.4 Eluent Solution. Weigh 1.018 g of sodium carbonate (Na_2CO_3) and 1.008 g of sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO_3), and dissolve in 4 liters of water. This solution is 0.0024 M $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3/0.003$ M NaHCO_3 . Other eluents appropriate to the column type and capable of resolving sulfate ion from other species present may be used.

7.3.5 Ammonium Hydroxide. Concentrated, 14.8 M.

7.3.6 Phenolphthalein Indicator. 3,3-Bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-(3H)-isobenzofuranone. Dissolve 0.05 g in 50 ml of ethanol and 50 ml of water.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport.

Same as Method 5, Section 8.0, with the exception of the following:

8.1 Sampling Train Operation. Same as Method 5, Section 8.5, except that the probe outlet and filter

temperatures shall be maintained at 160 ± 14 °C (320 ± 25 °F).

8.2 Sample Recovery. Same as Method 5, Section 8.7, except that the recovery solvent shall be water instead of acetone, and a clean filter from the same lot as those used during testing shall be saved for analysis as a blank.

9.0 *Quality Control.*

9.1 *Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.*

Section	Quality Control Measure	Effect
8.3, 10.0	Sampling equipment leak check and calibration	Ensures accurate measurement of stack gas flow rate, sample volume
10.1.2, 11.2.5.3	Repetitive analyses	Ensures precise measurement of total carbon and inorganic carbon concentration of samples, blank, and standards.

9.2 *Volume Metering System Checks.* Same as Method 5, Section 9.2.

10.0 *Calibration and Standardization.*

Same as Method 5, Section 10.0, with the addition of the following:

10.1 *Determination of Ion Chromatograph Calibration Factor S.* Prepare a series of five standards by adding 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, 6.0, and 10.0 ml of working standard solution (25 µg/ml) to a series of five 50-ml volumetric flasks. (The standard masses will equal 25, 50, 100, 150, and 250 µg.) Dilute each flask to the mark with water, and mix well. Analyze each standard according to the chromatograph manufacturer's instructions. Take peak height measurements with symmetrical peaks; in all other cases, calculate peak

areas. Prepare or calculate a linear regression plot of the standard masses in μg (x-axis) versus their responses (y-axis). From this line, or equation, determine the slope and calculate its reciprocal which is the calibration factor, S . If any point deviates from the line by more than 7 percent of the concentration at that point, remake and reanalyze that standard. This deviation can be determined by multiplying S times the response for each standard. The resultant concentrations must not differ by more than 7 percent from each known standard mass (*i.e.*, 25, 50, 100, 150, and 250 μg).

10.2 Conductivity Detector. Calibrate according to manufacturer's specifications prior to initial use.

11.0 Analytical Procedure.

11.1 Sample Extraction.

11.1.1 Note on the analytical data sheet, the level of the liquid in the container, and whether any sample was lost during shipment. If a noticeable amount of leakage has occurred, either void the sample or use methods, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to correct the final results.

11.1.2 Cut the filter into small pieces, and place it in a 125-ml Erlenmeyer flask with a ground glass joint equipped with an air condenser. Rinse the shipping

container with water, and pour the rinse into the flask. Add additional water to the flask until it contains about 75 ml, and place the flask on a hot plate. Gently reflux the contents for 6 to 8 hours. Cool the solution, and transfer it to a 500-ml volumetric flask. Rinse the Erlenmeyer flask with water, and transfer the rinsings to the volumetric flask including the pieces of filter.

11.1.3 Transfer the probe rinse to the same 500-ml volumetric flask with the filter sample. Rinse the sample bottle with water, and add the rinsings to the volumetric flask. Dilute the contents of the flask to the mark with water.

11.1.4 Allow the contents of the flask to settle until all solid material is at the bottom of the flask. If necessary, remove and centrifuge a portion of the sample.

11.1.5 Repeat the procedures outlined in Sections 11.1.1 through 11.1.4 for each sample and for the filter blank.

11.2 Sulfate (SO_4) Analysis.

11.2.1 Prepare a standard calibration curve according to the procedures outlined in Section 10.1.

11.2.2 Pipet 5 ml of the sample into a 50-ml volumetric flask, and dilute to 50 ml with water.

(Alternatively, eluent solution may be used instead of water in all sample, standard, and blank dilutions.) Analyze the

set of standards followed by the set of samples, including the filter blank, using the same injection volume used for the standards.

11.2.3 Repeat the analyses of the standards and the samples, with the standard set being done last. The two peak height or peak area responses for each sample must agree within 5 percent of their arithmetic mean for the analysis to be valid. Perform this analysis sequence on the same day. Dilute any sample and the blank with equal volumes of water if the concentration exceeds that of the highest standard.

11.2.4 Document each sample chromatogram by listing the following analytical parameters: injection point, injection volume, sulfate retention time, flow rate, detector sensitivity setting, and recorder chart speed.

11.3 Sample Residue.

11.3.1 Transfer the remaining contents of the volumetric flask to a tared 600-ml beaker or similar container. Rinse the volumetric flask with water, and add the rinsings to the tared beaker. Make certain that all particulate matter is transferred to the beaker. Evaporate the water in an oven at 105 °C (220 °F) until only about 100 ml of water remains. Remove the beakers from the oven, and allow them to cool.

11.3.2 After the beakers have cooled, add five drops of phenolphthalein indicator, and then add concentrated ammonium hydroxide until the solution turns pink. Return the samples to the oven at 105 °C (220 °F), and evaporate the samples to dryness. Cool the samples in a desiccator, and weigh the samples to constant weight.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations.

Same as Method 5, Section 12.0, with the addition of the following:

12.1 Nomenclature.

C_w = Water blank residue concentration, mg/ml.

F = Dilution factor (required only if sample dilution was needed to reduce the concentration into the range of calibration).

H_s = Arithmetic mean response of duplicate sample analyses, mm for height or mm² for area.

H_b = Arithmetic mean response of duplicate filter blank analyses, mm for height or mm² for area.

m_b = Mass of beaker used to dry sample, mg.

m_f = Mass of sample filter, mg.

m_n = Mass of nonsulfate particulate matter in the sample as collected, mg.

m_s = Mass of ammonium sulfate in the sample as collected, mg.

m_t = Mass of beaker, filter, and dried sample, mg.

m_w = Mass of residue after evaporation of water blank,
mg.

S = Calibration factor, $\mu\text{g}/\text{mm}$.

V_b = Volume of water blank, ml.

V_s = Volume of sample collected, 500 ml.

12.2 Water Blank Concentration.

$$C_w = \frac{m_w}{V_b} \quad \text{Eq. 5F-1}$$

12.3 Mass of Ammonium Sulfate.

$$m_s = \frac{(99) S (H_s - H_b)}{(1000)} F \quad \text{Eq. 5F-2}$$

where:

100 = Aliquot factor, 495 ml/5 ml

1000 = Constant, $\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$

12.4 Mass of Nonsulfate Particulate Matter.

$$m_n = m_t - m_b - m_s - m_f - V_s C_w \quad \text{Eq. 5F-3}$$

13.0 *Method Performance.* [Reserved]

14.0 *Pollution Prevention.* [Reserved]

15.0 *Waste Management.* [Reserved]

16.0 *Alternative Procedures*

16.1 The following procedure may be used as an alternative to the procedure in Section 11.0

16.1.1 Apparatus. Same as for Method 6, Sections 6.3.3 to 6.3.6 with the following additions.

16.1.1.1 Beakers. 250-ml, one for each sample, and 600-ml.

16.1.1.2 Oven. Capable of maintaining temperatures of $75 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($167 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$) and $105 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($221 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$).

16.1.1.3 Buchner Funnel.

16.1.1.4 Glass Columns. 25-mm x 305-mm (1-in. x 12-in.) with Teflon stopcock.

16.1.1.5 Volumetric Flasks. 50-ml and 500-ml, one set for each sample, and 100-ml, 200-ml, and 1000-ml.

16.1.1.6 Pipettes. Two 20-ml and one 200-ml, one set for each sample, and 5-ml.

16.1.1.7 Filter Flasks. 500-ml.

16.1.1.8 Polyethylene Bottle. 500-ml, one for each sample.

16.1.2 Reagents. Same as Method 6, Sections 7.3.2 to 7.3.5 with the following additions:

16.1.2.1 Water, Ammonium Hydroxide, and Phenolphthalein. Same as Sections 7.2.1, 7.3.5, and 7.3.6 of this method, respectively.

16.1.2.2 Filter. Glass fiber to fit Buchner funnel.

16.1.2.3 Hydrochloric Acid (HCl), 1 m. Add 8.3 ml of concentrated HCl (12 M) to 50 ml of water in a 100-ml volumetric flask. Dilute to 100 ml with water.

16.1.2.4 Glass Wool.

16.1.2.5 Ion Exchange Resin. Strong cation exchange resin, hydrogen form, analytical grade.

16.1.2.6 pH Paper. Range of 1 to 7.

16.1.3 Analysis.

16.1.3.1 Ion Exchange Column Preparation. Slurry the resin with 1 M HCl in a 250-ml beaker, and allow to stand overnight. Place 2.5 cm (1 in.) of glass wool in the bottom of the glass column. Rinse the slurried resin twice with water. Resuspend the resin in water, and pour sufficient resin into the column to make a bed 5.1 cm (2 in.) deep. Do not allow air bubbles to become entrapped in the resin or glass wool to avoid channeling, which may produce erratic results. If necessary, stir the resin with a glass rod to remove air bubbles, after the column has been prepared, never let the liquid level fall below the top of the upper glass wool plug. Place a 2.5-cm (1-in.) plug of glass wool on top of the resin. Rinse the column with water until the eluate gives a pH of 5 or greater as measured with pH paper.

16.1.3.2 Sample Extraction. Followup the procedure given in Section 11.1.3 except do not dilute the sample to 500 ml.

16.1.3.3 Sample Residue.

16.1.3.3.1 Place at least one clean glass filter for each sample in a Buchner funnel, and rinse the filters with water. Remove the filters from the funnel, and dry them in an oven at $105 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($221 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$); then cool in a desiccator. Weigh each filter to constant weight according to the procedure in Method 5, Section 11.0. Record the weight of each filter to the nearest 0.1 mg.

16.1.3.3.2 Assemble the vacuum filter apparatus, and place one of the clean, tared glass fiber filters in the Buchner funnel. Decant the liquid portion of the extracted sample (Section 16.1.3.2) through the tared glass fiber filter into a clean, dry, 500-ml filter flask. Rinse all the particulate matter remaining in the volumetric flask onto the glass fiber filter with water. Rinse the particulate matter with additional water. Transfer the filtrate to a 500-ml volumetric flask, and dilute to 500 ml with water. Dry the filter overnight at $105 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($221 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$), cool in a desiccator, and weigh to the nearest 0.1 mg.

16.1.3.3.3 Dry a 250-ml beaker at $75 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($167 \pm 9^{\circ}\text{F}$), and cool in a desiccator; then weigh to constant weight to the nearest 0.1 mg. Pipette 200 ml of the filtrate that was saved into a tared 250-ml beaker; add five drops of phenolphthalein indicator and sufficient concentrated ammonium hydroxide to turn the solution pink.

Carefully evaporate the contents of the beaker to dryness at $75 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ ($167 \pm 9^\circ\text{F}$). Check for dryness every 30 minutes. Do not continue to bake the sample once it has dried. Cool the sample in a desiccator, and weigh to constant weight to the nearest 0.1 mg.

16.1.3.4 Sulfate Analysis. Adjust the flow rate through the ion exchange column to 3 ml/min. Pipette a 20-ml aliquot of the filtrate onto the top of the ion exchange column, and collect the eluate in a 50-ml volumetric flask. Rinse the column with two 15-ml portions of water. Stop collection of the eluate when the volume in the flask reaches 50-ml. Pipette a 20-ml aliquot of the eluate into a 250-ml Erlenmeyer flask, add 80 ml of 100 percent isopropanol and two to four drops of thorin indicator, and titrate to a pink end point using 0.0100 N barium perchlorate. Repeat and average the titration volumes. Run a blank with each series of samples. Replicate titrations must agree within 1 percent or 0.2 ml, whichever is larger. Perform the ion exchange and titration procedures on duplicate portions of the filtrate. Results should agree within 5 percent. Regenerate or replace the ion exchange resin after 20 sample aliquots have been analyzed or if the end point of the titration becomes unclear.

NOTE: Protect the 0.0100 N barium perchlorate solution from evaporation at all times.

16.1.3.5 Blank Determination. Begin with a sample of water of the same volume as the samples being processed and carry it through the analysis steps described in Sections 16.1.3.3 and 16.1.3.4. A blank value larger than 5 mg should not be subtracted from the final particulate matter mass. Causes for large blank values should be investigated and any problems resolved before proceeding with further analyses.

16.1.4 Calibration. Calibrate the barium perchlorate solutions as in Method 6, Section 10.5.

16.1.5 Calculations.

16.1.5.1 Nomenclature. Same as Section 12.1 with the following additions:

m_a = Mass of clean analytical filter, mg.

m_d = Mass of dissolved particulate matter, mg.

m_e = Mass of beaker and dissolved particulate matter after evaporation of filtrate, mg.

m_p = Mass of insoluble particulate matter, mg.

m_r = Mass of analytical filter, sample filter, and insoluble particulate matter, mg.

m_{bk} = Mass of nonsulfate particulate matter in blank sample, mg.

- m_n = Mass of nonsulfate particulate matter, mg.
 m_s = Mass of Ammonium sulfate, mg.
 N = Normality of $Ba(ClO_4)$ titrant, meq/ml.
 V_a = Volume of aliquot taken for titration, 20 ml.
 V_c = Volume of titrant used for titration blank, ml.
 V_d = Volume of filtrate evaporated, 200 ml.
 V_e = Volume of eluate collected, 50 ml.
 V_f = Volume of extracted sample, 500 ml.
 V_i = Volume of filtrate added to ion exchange column,
 20 ml.
 V_t = Volume of $Ba(ClO_4)_2$ titrant, ml.
 W = Equivalent weight of ammonium sulfate, 66.07
 mg/meq.

16.1.5.2 Mass of Insoluble Particulate Matter.

$$m_p = m_r - m_a - m_f \quad \text{Eq. 5F-4}$$

16.1.5.3 Mass of Dissolved Particulate Matter.

$$m_d = (m_e - (V_f/V_d)m_b) \quad \text{Eq. 5F-5}$$

16.1.5.4 Mass of Ammonium Sulfate.

$$m_s = \frac{(V_t - V_c) N W V_e V_f}{V_a V_i} \quad \text{Eq. 5F-6}$$

16.1.5.5 Mass of Nonsulfate Particulate Matter.

$$m_n = m_p + m_d - m_s - m_{bk} \quad \text{Eq. 5F-7}$$

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Same as Method 5, Section 17.0, with the addition of the following:

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18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data.

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