METHOD 13A—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL FLUORIDE EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES (SPADNS ZIRCONIUM LAKE 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 1, Method 2, Method 3, and Method 5.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total fluorides as Fluorine	7782–41–4	Not determined.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of fluoride (F^-) emissions from sources as specified in the regulations. It does not measure fluorocarbons, such as Freons.

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

Gaseous and particulate F^- are withdrawn isokinetically from the source and collected in water and on a filter. The total F^- is then determined by the SPADNS Zirconium Lake Colorimetric method.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

4.1 Chloride. Large quantities of chloride will interfere with the analysis, but this interference can be prevented by adding silver sulfate into the distillation flask (see section 11.3). If chloride ion is present, it may be easier to use the specific ion electrode method of analysis (Method 13B).

4.2 Grease. Grease on sample-exposed surfaces may cause low F^- results due to adsorption.

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.

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 at least 15 minutes. Remove clothing under shower and decontaminate. Treat residual chemical burn as thermal burn.

5.2.1 Hydrochloric Acid (HCl). Highly toxic. Vapors are highly irritating to eyes, skin, nose, and lungs, causing severe damage. May cause bronchitis, pneumonia, or edema of lungs. Exposure to concentrations of 0.13 to 0.2 percent can be lethal in minutes. Will react with metals, producing hydrogen.

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

5.2.3 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

6.1 Sample Collection. A schematic of the sampling train used in performing this method is shown in Figure 13A–1; it is similar to the Method 5 sampling train except that the filter position is interchangeable. The sampling train consists of the following components:

6.1.1 Probe Nozzle, Pitot Tube, Differential Pressure Gauge, Filter Heating System, Temperature Sensor, Metering System, Barometer, and Gas Density Determination Equipment. Same as Method 5, sections 6.1.1.1, 6.1.1.3 through 6.1.1.7, 6.1.1.9, 6.1.2, and 6.1.3, respectively. The filter heating system and temperature sensor are needed only when moisture condensation is a problem.

6.1.2 Probe Liner. Borosilicate glass or 316 stainless steel. When the filter is located immediately after the probe, a probe heating system may be used to prevent filter plugging resulting from moisture condensation, but the temperature in the probe shall not be allowed to exceed 120 ±14 °C (248 ±25 °F).

6.1.3 Filter Holder. With positive seal against leakage from the outside or around the filter. If the filter is located between the probe and first impinger, use borosilicate glass or stainless steel with a 20-mesh stainless steel screen filter support and a silicone rubber gasket; do not use a glass frit or a sintered metal filter support. If the filter is located between the third and fourth impingers, borosilicate glass with a glass frit filter support and a silicone rubber gasket may be used. Other materials of construction may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

6.1.4 Impingers. Four impingers connected as shown in Figure 13A–1 with ground-glass (or equivalent), vacuum-tight fittings. For the first, third, and fourth impingers, use the Greenburg-Smith design, modified by replacing the tip with a 1.3-cm (½ in.) ID glass tube extending to 1.3 cm (½ in.) from the bottom of the flask. For the second impinger, use a Greenburg-Smith impinger with the standard tip. Modifications (*e.g.*, flexible connections between the impingers or materials other than glass) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator. Place a temperature sensor, capable of measuring temperature to within 1 °C (2 °F), at the outlet of the fourth impinger for monitoring purposes.

6.2 Sample Recovery. The following items are needed for sample recovery:

6.2.1 Probe-liner and Probe-Nozzle Brushes, Wash Bottles, Graduated Cylinder and/or Balance, Plastic Storage Containers, Funnel and Rubber Policeman, and Funnel. Same as Method 5, sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2 and 6.2.5 to 6.2.8, respectively.

6.2.2 Sample Storage Container. Wide-mouth, high-density polyethylene bottles for impinger water samples, 1 liter.

6.3 Sample Preparation and Analysis. The following items are needed for sample preparation and analysis:

6.3.1 Distillation Apparatus. Glass distillation apparatus assembled as shown in Figure 13A–2.

6.3.2 Bunsen Burner.

6.3.3 Electric Muffle Furnace. Capable of heating to 600 °C (1100 °F).

6.3.4 Crucibles. Nickel, 75- to 100-ml.

6.3.5 Beakers. 500-ml and 1500-ml.

6.3.6 Volumetric Flasks. 50-ml.

6.3.7 Erlenmeyer Flasks or Plastic Bottles. 500-ml.

6.3.8 Constant Temperature Bath. Capable of maintaining a constant temperature of ±1.0 °C at room temperature conditions.

6.3.9 Balance. 300-g capacity, to measure to ±0.5 g.

6.3.10 Spectrophotometer. Instrument that measures absorbance at 570 nm and provides at least a 1-cm light path.

6.3.11 Spectrophotometer Cells. 1-cm path length.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents are to 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. The following reagents are needed for sample collection:

7.1.1 Filters.

7.1.1.1 If the filter is located between the third and fourth impingers, use a Whatman No. 1 filter, or equivalent, sized to fit the filter holder.

7.1.1.2 If the filter is located between the probe and first impinger, use any suitable medium (*e.g.*, paper, organic membrane) that can withstand prolonged exposure to temperatures up to 135 °C (275 °F), and has at least 95 percent collection efficiency (<5 percent penetration) for 0.3 μm dioctyl phthalate smoke particles. Conduct the filter efficiency test before the test series, using ASTM D 2986–71, 78, or 95a (incorporated by reference—see §60.17), or use test data from the supplier's quality control program. The filter must also have a low F^- blank value (<0.015 mg F^-/cm^2 of filter area). Before the test series, determine the average F^- blank value of at least three filters (from the lot to be used for sampling) using the applicable procedures described in sections 8.3 and 8.4 of this method. In general, glass fiber filters have high and/or variable F^- blank values, and will not be acceptable for use.

7.1.2 Water. Deionized distilled, to conform to ASTM D 1193–77 or 91, Type 3 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17). If high concentrations of organic matter are not expected to be present, the potassium permanganate test for oxidizable organic matter may be deleted.

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

7.2 Sample Recovery. Water, as described in section 7.1.2, is needed for sample recovery.

7.3 Sample Preparation and Analysis. The following reagents and standards are needed for sample preparation and analysis:

7.3.1 Calcium Oxide (CaO). Certified grade containing 0.005 percent F^- or less.

7.3.2 Phenolphthalein Indicator. Dissolve 0.1 g of phenolphthalein in a mixture of 50 ml of 90 percent ethanol and 50 ml of water.

7.3.3 Silver Sulfate (Ag_2SO_4).

7.3.4 Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH), Pellets.

7.3.5 Sulfuric Acid (H_2SO_4), Concentrated.

7.3.6 Sulfuric Acid, 25 Percent (v/v). Mix 1 part of concentrated H_2SO_4 with 3 parts of water.

7.3.7 Filters. Whatman No. 541, or equivalent.

7.3.8 Hydrochloric Acid (HCl), Concentrated.

7.3.9 Water. Same as in section 7.1.2.

7.3.10 Fluoride Standard Solution, 0.01 mg F^-/ml. Dry approximately 0.5 g of sodium fluoride (NaF) in an oven at 110 °C (230 °F) for at least 2 hours. Dissolve 0.2210 g of NaF in

1 liter of water. Dilute 100 ml of this solution to 1 liter with water.

7.3.11 SPADNS Solution [4,5 Dihydroxyl-3-(p-Sulfophenylazo)-2,7-Naphthalene-Disulfonic Acid Trisodium Salt]. Dissolve 0.960 ±0.010 g of SPADNS reagent in 500 ml water. If stored in a well-sealed bottle protected from the sunlight, this solution is stable for at least 1 month.

7.3.12 Spectrophotometer Zero Reference Solution. Add 10 ml of SPADNS solution to 100 ml water, and acidify with a solution prepared by diluting 7 ml of concentrated HCl to 10 ml with deionized, distilled water. Prepare daily.

7.3.13 SPADNS Mixed Reagent. Dissolve 0.135 ±0.005 g of zirconyl chloride octahydrate $(ZrOCl_2\ 8H_2O)$ in 25 ml of water. Add 350 ml of concentrated HCl, and dilute to 500 ml with deionized, distilled water. Mix equal volumes of this solution and SPADNS solution to form a single reagent. This reagent is stable for at least 2 months.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Pretest Preparation. Follow the general procedure given in Method 5, section 8.1, except that the filter need not be weighed.

8.2 Preliminary Determinations. Follow the general procedure given in Method 5, section 8.2, except that the nozzle size must be selected such that isokinetic sampling rates below 28 liters/min (1.0 cfm) can be maintained.

8.3 Preparation of Sampling Train. Follow the general procedure given in Method 5, section 8.3, except for the following variation: Assemble the train as shown in Figure 13A–1 with the filter between the third and fourth impingers. Alternatively, if a 20-mesh stainless steel screen is used for the filter support, the filter may be placed between the probe and first impinger. A filter heating system to prevent moisture condensation may be used, but shall not allow the temperature to exceed 120 ±14 °C (248 ±25 °F). Record the filter location on the data sheet (see section 8.5).

8.4 Leak-Check Procedures. Follow the leak-check procedures given in Method 5, section 8.4.

8.5 Sampling Train Operation. Follow the general procedure given in Method 5, section 8.5, keeping the filter and probe temperatures (if applicable) at 120 ±14 °C (248 ±25 °F) and isokinetic sampling rates below 28 liters/min (1.0 cfm). For each run, record the data required on a data sheet such as the one shown in Method 5, Figure 5–3.

8.6 Sample Recovery. Proper cleanup procedure begins as soon as the probe is removed from the stack at the end of the sampling period. Allow the probe to cool.

8.6.1 When the probe can be safely handled, wipe off all external particulate matter near the tip of the probe nozzle, and place a cap over it to keep from losing part of the sample. Do not cap off the probe tip tightly while the sampling train is cooling down as this would create a vacuum in the filter holder, thus drawing water from the impingers into the filter holder.

8.6.2 Before moving the sample train to the cleanup site, remove the probe from the sample train, wipe off any silicone grease, and cap the open outlet of the probe. Be careful not to lose any condensate that might be present. Remove the filter assembly, wipe off any silicone grease from the filter holder inlet, and cap this inlet. Remove the umbilical cord from the last impinger, and cap the impinger. After wiping off any silicone grease, cap off the filter holder outlet and any open impinger inlets and outlets. Ground-glass stoppers, plastic caps, or serum caps may be used to close these openings.

8.6.3 Transfer the probe and filter-impinger assembly to the cleanup area. This area should be clean and protected from the wind so that the chances of contaminating or losing the sample will be minimized.

8.6.4 Inspect the train prior to and during disassembly, and note any abnormal conditions. Treat the samples as follows:

8.6.4.1 Container No. 1 (Probe, Filter, and Impinger Catches).

8.6.4.1.1 Using a graduated cylinder, measure to the nearest ml, and record the volume of the water in the first three impingers; include any condensate in the probe in this determination. Transfer the impinger water from the graduated cylinder into a polyethylene container. Add the filter to this container. (The filter may be handled separately using procedures subject to the Administrator's approval.) Taking care that dust on the outside of the probe or other exterior surfaces does not get into the sample, clean all sample-exposed surfaces (including the probe nozzle, probe fitting, probe liner, first three impingers, impinger connectors, and filter holder) with water. Use less than 500 ml for the entire wash. Add the washings to the sample container. Perform the water rinses as follows:

8.6.4.1.2 Carefully remove the probe nozzle and rinse the inside surface with water from a wash bottle. Brush with a Nylon bristle brush, and rinse until the rinse shows no visible particles, after which make a final rinse of the inside surface. Brush and rinse the inside parts of the Swagelok fitting with water in a similar way.

8.6.4.1.3 Rinse the probe liner with water. While squirting the water into the upper end of the probe, tilt and rotate the probe so that all inside surfaces will be wetted with water. Let the water drain from the lower end into the sample container. A funnel (glass or polyethylene) may be used to aid in transferring the liquid washes to the container. Follow the rinse with a probe brush. Hold the probe in an inclined position, and squirt water into the upper end as the probe brush is being pushed with a twisting action through the probe. Hold the sample container underneath the lower end of the probe, and catch any water and particulate matter that is brushed from the probe. Run the brush through the probe three times or more. With stainless steel or other metal probes, run the brush through in the above prescribed manner at least six times since metal probes have small crevices in which particulate matter can be entrapped. Rinse the brush with water, and quantitatively collect these washings in the sample container. After the brushing, make a final rinse of the probe as described above.

8.6.4.1.4 It is recommended that two people clean the probe to minimize sample losses. Between sampling runs, keep brushes clean and protected from contamination.

8.6.4.1.5 Rinse the inside surface of each of the first three impingers (and connecting glassware) three separate times. Use a small portion of water for each rinse, and brush each sample-exposed surface with a Nylon bristle brush, to ensure recovery of fine particulate matter. Make a final rinse of each surface and of the brush.

8.6.4.1.6 After ensuring that all joints have been wiped clean of the silicone grease, brush and rinse with water the inside of the filter holder (front-half only, if filter is positioned between the third and fourth impingers). Brush and rinse each surface three times or more if needed. Make a final rinse of the brush and filter holder.

8.6.4.1.7 After all water washings and particulate matter have been collected in the sample container, tighten the lid so that water will not leak out when it is shipped to the laboratory. Mark the height of the fluid level to transport. Label the container clearly to identify its contents.

8.6.4.2 Container No. 2 (Sample Blank). Prepare a blank by placing an unused filter in a polyethylene container and adding a volume of water equal to the total volume in Container No. 1. Process the blank in the same manner as for Container No. 1.

8.6.4.3 Container No. 3 (Silica Gel). Note the color of the indicating silica gel to determine whether it has been completely spent, and make a notation of its condition. Transfer the silica gel from the fourth impinger to its original container, and seal. A funnel may be used to pour the silica gel and a rubber policeman to remove the silica gel from the impinger. It is not necessary to remove the small amount of dust particles that may adhere to the impinger wall and are difficult to remove. Since the gain in weight is to be used for moisture calculations, do not use any water or other liquids to transfer the silica gel. If a balance is available in the field, follow the analytical procedure for Container No. 3 in section 11.4.2.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.4, 10.1	Sampling equipment leak-check and calibration.	Ensure accurate measurement of stack gas flow rate and sample volume.
10.2	Spectrophotometer calibration	Evaluate analytical technique, preparation of standards.
11.3.3	Interference/recovery efficiency check during distillation.	Minimize negative effects of used acid.

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 Sampling Equipment. Calibrate the probe nozzle, pitot tube, metering system, probe heater, temperature sensors, and barometer according to the procedures outlined in Method 5, sections 10.1 through 10.6. Conduct the leak-check of the metering system according to the procedures outlined in Method 5, section 8.4.1.

10.2 Spectrophotometer.

10.2.1 Prepare the blank standard by adding 10 ml of SPADNS mixed reagent to 50 ml of water.

10.2.2 Accurately prepare a series of standards from the 0.01 mg F^-/ml standard fluoride solution (Section 7.3.10) by diluting 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14 ml to 100 ml with deionized, distilled water. Pipet 50 ml from each solution, and transfer each to a separate 100-ml beaker. Then add 10 ml of SPADNS mixed reagent (Section 7.3.13) to each. These standards will contain 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, and 70 μg F^- (0 to 1.4 μg/ml), respectively.

10.2.3 After mixing, place the blank and calibration standards in a constant temperature bath for 30 minutes before reading the absorbance with the spectrophotometer. Adjust all samples to this same temperature before analyzing.

10.2.4 With the spectrophotometer at 570 nm, use the blank standard to set the absorbance to zero. Determine the absorbance of the standards.

10.2.5 Prepare a calibration curve by plotting μg F^-/50 ml versus absorbance on linear graph paper. Prepare the standard curve initially and thereafter whenever the SPADNS mixed reagent is newly made. Also, run a calibration standard with each set of samples and, if it differs from the calibration curve by more than ±2 percent, prepare a new standard curve.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Sample Loss Check. Note the liquid levels in Containers No. 1 and No. 2, determine whether leakage occurred during transport, and note this finding on the analytical data sheet. If noticeable leakage has occurred, either void the sample or use methods, subject to the approval of the Administrator, to correct the final results.

11.2 Sample Preparation. Treat the contents of each sample container as described below:

11.2.1 Container No. 1 (Probe, Filter, and Impinger Catches). Filter this container's contents, including the sampling filter, through Whatman No. 541 filter paper, or equivalent, into a 1500-ml beaker.

11.2.1.1 If the filtrate volume exceeds 900 ml, make the filtrate basic (red to phenolphthalein) with NaOH, and evaporate to less than 900 ml.

11.2.1.2 Place the filtered material (including sampling filter) in a nickel crucible, add a few ml of water, and macerate the filters with a glass rod.

11.2.1.2.1 Add 100 mg CaO to the crucible, and mix the contents thoroughly to form a slurry. Add two drops of phenolphthalein indicator. Place the crucible in a hood under infrared lamps or on a hot plate at low heat. Evaporate the water completely. During the evaporation of the water, keep the slurry basic (red to phenolphthalein) to avoid loss of F^-. If the indicator turns colorless (acidic) during the evaporation, add CaO until the color turns red again.

11.2.1.2.2 After evaporation of the water, place the crucible on a hot plate under a hood, and slowly increase the temperature until the Whatman No. 541 and sampling filters char. It may take several hours to char the filters completely.

11.2.1.2.3 Place the crucible in a cold muffle furnace. Gradually (to prevent smoking) increase the temperature to 600 °C (1100 °F), and maintain this temperature until the contents are reduced to an ash. Remove the crucible from the furnace, and allow to cool.

11.2.1.2.4 Add approximately 4 g of crushed NaOH to the crucible, and mix. Return the crucible to the muffle furnace, and fuse the sample for 10 minutes at 600 °C.

11.2.1.2.5 Remove the sample from the furnace, and cool to ambient temperature. Using several rinsings of warm water, transfer the contents of the crucible to the beaker containing the filtrate. To ensure complete sample removal, rinse finally with two 20-ml portions of 25 percent H_2SO_4, and carefully add to the beaker. Mix well, and transfer to a 1-liter volumetric flask. Dilute to volume with water, and mix thoroughly. Allow any undissolved solids to settle.

11.2.2 Container No. 2 (Sample Blank). Treat in the same manner as described in section 11.2.1 above.

11.2.3 Adjustment of Acid/Water Ratio in Distillation Flask. Place 400 ml of water in the distillation flask, and add 200 ml of concentrated H_2SO_4. Add some soft glass beads and several small pieces of broken glass tubing, and assemble the apparatus as shown in Figure 13A–2. Heat the flask until it reaches a temperature of 175 °C (347 °F) to adjust the acid/water ratio for subsequent distillations. Discard the distillate.

CAUTION: Use a protective shield when carrying out this procedure. Observe standard precautions when mixing H_2SO_4 with water. Slowly add the acid to the flask with constant swirling.

11.3 Distillation.

11.3.1 Cool the contents of the distillation flask to below 80 °C (180 °F). Pipet an aliquot of sample containing less than 10.0 mg F^- directly into the distillation flask, and add water to make a total volume of 220 ml added to the distillation flask. (To estimate the appropriate aliquot size, select an aliquot of the solution, and treat as described in section 11.4.1. This will be an approximation of the F^- content because of possible interfering ions.)

NOTE: If the sample contains chloride, add 5 mg of Ag_2SO_4 to the flask for every mg of chloride.

11.3.2 Place a 250-ml volumetric flask at the condenser exit. Heat the flask as rapidly as possible with a Bunsen burner, and collect all the distillate up to 175 °C (347 °F). During heatup, play the burner flame up and down the side of the flask to prevent bumping. Conduct the distillation as rapidly as possible (15 minutes or less). Slow distillations have been found to produce low F^- recoveries. Be careful not to exceed 175 °C (347 °F) to avoid causing H_2SO_4 to distill over. If F^- distillation in the mg range is to be followed by a distillation in the fractional mg range, add 220 ml of water and distill it over as in the acid adjustment step to remove residual F^- from the distillation system.

11.3.3 The acid in the distillation flask may be used until there is carry-over of interferences or poor F^- recovery. Check for interference and for recovery efficiency every tenth distillation using a water blank and a standard solution. Change the acid whenever the F^- recovery is less than 90 percent or the blank value exceeds 0.1 μg/ml.

11.4 Sample Analysis.

11.4.1 Containers No. 1 and No. 2.

11.4.1.1 After distilling suitable aliquots from Containers No. 1 and No. 2 according to section 11.3, dilute the distillate in the volumetric flasks to exactly 250 ml with water, and mix thoroughly. Pipet a suitable aliquot of each sample distillate (containing 10 to 40 μg F^-/ml) into a beaker, and dilute to 50 ml with water. Use the same aliquot size for the blank. Add 10 ml of SPADNS mixed reagent (Section 7.3.13), and mix thoroughly.

11.4.1.2 After mixing, place the sample in a constant-temperature bath containing the standard solutions for 30 minutes before reading the absorbance on the spectrophotometer.

NOTE: After the sample and colorimetric reagent are mixed, the color formed is stable for approximately 2 hours. Also, a 3 °C (5.4 °F) temperature difference between the sample and standard solutions produces an error of approximately 0.005 mg F^-/liter. To avoid this error, the absorbencies of the sample and standard solutions must be measured at the same temperature.

11.4.1.3 Set the spectrophotometer to zero absorbance at 570 nm with the zero reference solution (Section 7.3.12), and check the spectrophotometer calibration with the standard solution (Section 7.3.10). Determine the absorbance of the samples, and determine the concentration from the calibration curve. If the concentration does not fall within the range of the calibration curve, repeat the procedure using a different size aliquot.

11.4.2 Container No. 3 (Silica Gel). Weigh the spent silica gel (or silica gel plus impinger) to the nearest 0.5 g using a balance. This step may be conducted in the field.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

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

12.1 Nomenclature.

A_d = Aliquot of distillate taken for color development, ml.

A_t = Aliquot of total sample added to still, ml.

B_{ws} = Water vapor in the gas stream, portion by volume.

C_s = Concentration of F^- in stack gas, mg/dscm (gr/dscf).

F_c = F^- concentration from the calibration curve, μg.

F_t = Total F^- in sample, mg.

T_m = Absolute average dry gas meter (DGM) temperature (see Figure 5–3 of Method 5), °K (°R).

T_s = Absolute average stack gas temperature (see Figure 5–3 of Method 5), °K (°R).

V_d = Volume of distillate as diluted, ml.

$V_{m(std)}$ = Volume of gas sample as measured by DGM at standard conditions, dscm (dscf).

V_t = Total volume of F^- sample, after final dilution, ml.

$V_{w(std)}$ = Volume of water vapor in the gas sample at standard conditions, scm (scf)

12.2 Average DGM Temperature and Average Orifice Pressure Drop (see Figure 5–3 of Method 5).

12.3 Dry Gas Volume. Calculate $V_{m(std)}$, and adjust for leakage, if necessary, using Equation 5–1 of Method 5.

12.4 Volume of Water Vapor and Moisture Content. Calculate $V_{w(std)}$ and B_{ws} from the data obtained in this method. Use Equations 5–2 and 5–3 of Method 5.

12.5 Total Fluoride in Sample. Calculate the amount of F^- in the sample using the following equation:

$$F_t = \frac{K\,V_t V_d F_c}{A_t A_d} \qquad \text{Eq. 13A-1}$$

Where:

K = 10^{-3} mg/μg (metric units)

= 1.54×10^{-5} gr/μg (English units)

12.6 Fluoride Concentration in Stack Gas. Determine the F^- concentration in the stack gas using the following equation:

$$C_f = \frac{F_t}{V_{m(std)}} \qquad \text{Eq. 13A-2}$$

12.7 Isokinetic Variation. Same as Method 5, section 12.11.

13.0 Method Performance

The following estimates are based on a collaborative test done at a primary aluminum smelter. In the test, six laboratories each sampled the stack simultaneously using two sampling trains for a total of 12 samples per sampling run. Fluoride concentrations encountered during the test ranged from 0.1 to 1.4 mg F^-/m^3.

13.1 Precision. The intra- and inter-laboratory standard deviations, which include sampling and analysis errors, were 0.044 mg F^-/m^3 with 60 degrees of freedom and 0.064 mg F^-/m^3 with five degrees of freedom, respectively.

13.2 Bias. The collaborative test did not find any bias in the analytical method.

13.3 Range. The range of this method is 0 to 1.4 μg F_-/ml.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

16.1 Compliance with ASTM D 3270–73T, 80, 91, or 95 (incorporated by reference—see §60.17) "Analysis of Fluoride Content of the Atmosphere and Plant Tissues (Semiautomated Method) is an acceptable alternative for the requirements specified in sections 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4.1 when applied to suitable aliquots of Containers 1 and 2 samples.

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18.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data

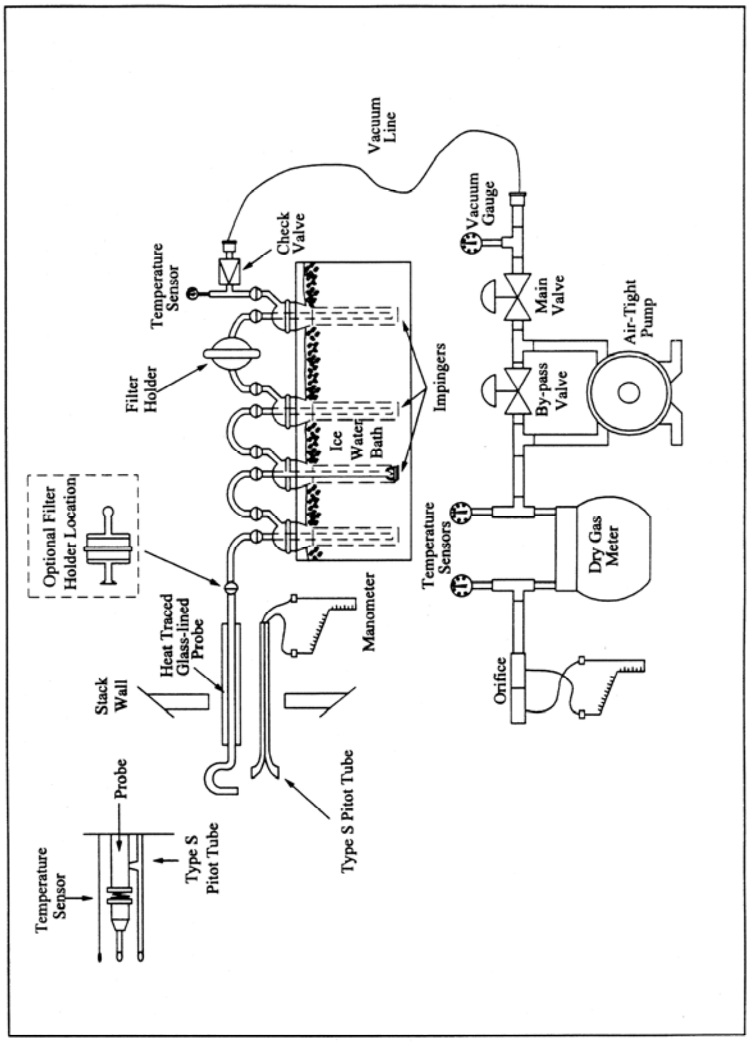

Figure 13A-1. Fluoride Sampling Train.

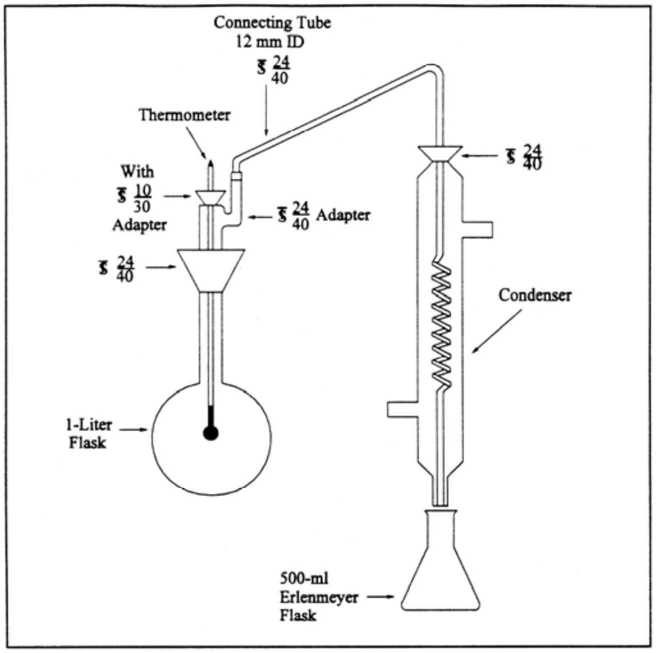

Figure 13A-2. Fluoride Distillation Apparatus.

METHOD 13B—DETERMINATION OF TOTAL FLUORIDE EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES (SPECIFIC ION ELECTRODE 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 1, Method 2, Method 3, Method 5, and Method 13A.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total fluorides as Fluorine	7782–41–4	Not determined.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of fluoride (F^-) emissions from sources as specified in the regulations. It does not measure fluorocarbons, such as Freons.

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

Gaseous and particulate F^- are withdrawn isokinetically from the source and collected in water and on a filter. The total F^- is then determined by the specific ion electrode method.

3.0 Definitions [Reserved]

4.0 Interferences

Grease on sample-exposed surfaces may cause low F^- results because of adsorption.

5.0 Safety

5.1 Disclaimer. This method may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This test method does not purport to 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.

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 at least 15 minutes. Remove clothing under shower and decontaminate. Treat residual chemical burn as thermal burn.

5.2.1 Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH). Causes severe damage to eye tissues and to 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

6.1 Sample Collection and Sample Recovery. Same as Method 13A, sections 6.1 and 6.2, respectively.

6.2 Sample Preparation and Analysis. The following items are required for sample preparation and analysis:

6.2.1 Distillation Apparatus, Bunsen Burner, Electric Muffle Furnace, Crucibles, Beakers, Volumetric Flasks, Erlenmeyer Flasks or Plastic Bottles, Constant Temperature Bath, and Balance. Same as Method 13A, sections 6.3.1 to 6.3.9, respectively.

6.2.2 Fluoride Ion Activity Sensing Electrode.

6.2.3 Reference Electrode. Single junction, sleeve type.

6.2.4 Electrometer. A pH meter with millivolt-scale capable of ±0.1-mv resolution, or a specific ion meter made specifically for specific ion electrode use.

6.2.5 Magnetic Stirrer and Tetrafluoroethylene (TFE) Fluorocarbon-Coated Stirring Bars.

6.2.6 Beakers. Polyethylene, 100-ml.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Unless otherwise indicated, all reagents are to 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 and Sample Recovery. Same as Method 13A, sections 7.1 and 7.2, respectively.

7.2 Sample Preparation and Analysis. The following reagents and standards are required for sample analysis:

7.2.1 Calcium Oxide (CaO). Certified grade containing 0.005 percent F^- or less.

7.2.2 Phenolphthalein Indicator. Dissolve 0.1 g phenolphthalein in a mixture of 50 ml of 90 percent ethanol and 50 ml water.

7.2.3 Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH), Pellets.

7.2.4 Sulfuric Acid (H_2SO_4), Concentrated.

7.2.5 Filters. Whatman No. 541, or equivalent.

7.2.6 Water. Same as section 7.1.2 of Method 13A.

7.2.7 Sodium Hydroxide, 5 M. Dissolve 20 g of NaOH in 100 ml of water.

7.2.8 Sulfuric Acid, 25 Percent (v/v). Mix 1 part of concentrated H_2SO_4 with 3 parts of water.

7.2.9 Total Ionic Strength Adjustment Buffer (TISAB). Place approximately 500 ml of water in a 1-liter beaker. Add 57 ml of glacial acetic acid, 58 g of sodium chloride, and 4 g of cyclohexylene dinitrilo tetraacetic acid. Stir to dissolve. Place the beaker in a water bath and cool to 20 °C (68 °F). Slowly add 5 M NaOH to the solution, measuring the pH continuously with a calibrated pH/reference electrode pair, until the pH is 5.3. Pour into a 1-liter volumetric flask, and dilute to volume with deionized, distilled water. Commercially prepared TISAB may be substituted for the above.

7.2.10 Fluoride Standard Solution, 0.1 M. Oven dry approximately 10 g of sodium fluoride (NaF) for a minimum of 2 hours at 110 °C (230 °F), and store in a desiccator. Then add 4.2 g of NaF to a 1-liter volumetric flask, and add enough water to dissolve. Dilute to volume with water.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

Same as Method 13A, section 8.0.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality control measure	Effect
8.0, 10.1	Sampling equipment leak-check and calibration.	Ensure accurate measurement of stack gas flow rate and sample volume.
10.2	Fluoride electrode	Evaluate analytical technique, preparation of standards.
11.1	Interference/recovery efficiency-check during distillation.	Minimize negative effects of used acid.

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

10.0 Calibration and Standardizations

NOTE: Maintain a laboratory log of all calibrations.

10.1 Sampling Equipment. Same as Method 13A, section 10.1.

10.2 Fluoride Electrode. Prepare fluoride standardizing solutions by serial dilution of the 0.1 M fluoride standard solution. Pipet 10 ml of 0.1 M fluoride standard solution into a 100-ml volumetric flask, and make up to the mark with water for a 10^{-2} M standard solution. Use 10 ml of 10^{-2} M solution to make a 10^{-3} M solution in the same manner. Repeat the dilution procedure, and make 10^{-4} and 10^{-5} M solutions.

10.2.1 Pipet 50 ml of each standard into a separate beaker. Add 50 ml of TISAB to each beaker. Place the electrode in the most dilute standard solution. When a steady millivolt reading is obtained, plot the value on the linear axis of semilog graph paper versus concentration on the log axis. Plot the nominal value for concentration of the standard on the log axis, (*e.g.*, when 50 ml of 10^{-2} M standard is diluted with 50 ml of TISAB, the concentration is still designated "10^{-2} M").

10.2.2 Between measurements, soak the fluoride sensing electrode in water for 30 seconds, and then remove and blot dry. Analyze the standards going from dilute to concentrated standards. A straight-line calibration curve will be obtained, with nominal concentrations of 10^{-4}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-1} fluoride molarity on the log axis plotted versus electrode potential (in mv) on the linear scale. Some electrodes may be slightly nonlinear between 10^{-5} and 10^{-4} M. If this occurs, use additional standards between these two concentrations.

10.2.3 Calibrate the fluoride electrode daily, and check it hourly. Prepare fresh fluoride standardizing solutions daily (10^{-2} M or less). Store fluoride standardizing solutions in polyethylene or polypropylene containers.

NOTE: Certain specific ion meters have been designed specifically for fluoride electrode use and give a direct readout of fluoride ion concentration. These meters may be used in lieu of calibration curves for fluoride measurements over a narrow concentration ranges. Calibrate the meter according to the manufacturer's instructions.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

11.1 Sample Loss Check, Sample Preparation, and Distillation. Same as Method 13A, sections 11.1 through 11.3, except that the note following section 11.3.1 is not applicable.

11.2 Analysis.

11.2.1 Containers No. 1 and No. 2. Distill suitable aliquots from Containers No. 1 and No. 2. Dilute the distillate in the volumetric flasks to exactly 250 ml with water, and mix thoroughly. Pipet a 25-ml aliquot from each of the distillate into separate beakers. Add an equal volume of TISAB, and mix. The sample should be at the same temperature as the calibration standards when measurements are made. If ambient laboratory temperature fluctuates more than ±2 °C from the temperature at which the calibration standards were measured, condition samples and standards in a constant-temperature bath before measurement. Stir the sample with a magnetic stirrer during measurement to minimize electrode response time. If the stirrer generates enough heat to change solution temperature, place a piece of temperature insulating material, such as cork, between the stirrer and the beaker. Hold dilute samples (below 10^{-4} M fluoride ion content) in polyethylene beakers during measurement.

11.2.2 Insert the fluoride and reference electrodes into the solution. When a steady millivolt reading is obtained, record it. This may take several minutes. Determine concentration from the calibration curve. Between electrode measurements, rinse the electrode with water.

11.2.3 Container No. 3 (Silica Gel). Same as in Method 13A, section 11.4.2.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Carry out calculations, retaining at least one extra significant figure beyond that of the acquired data. Round off figures after final calculation.

12.1 Nomenclature. Same as Method 13A, section 12.1, with the addition of the following:

M = F^- concentration from calibration curve, molarity.

12.2 Average DGM Temperature and Average Orifice Pressure Drop, Dry Gas Volume, Volume of Water Vapor and Moisture Content, Fluoride Concentration in Stack Gas, and Isokinetic Variation. Same as Method 13A, sections 12.2 to 12.4, 12.6, and 12.7, respectively.

12.3 Total Fluoride in Sample. Calculate the amount of F^- in the sample using Equation 13B-1:

$$F_t = \frac{K V_t V_d M}{A_t} \qquad \text{Eq. 13B-1}$$

Where:

K = 19 [(mg·l)/(mole·ml)] (metric units)
= 0.292 [(gr·l)/(mole·ml)] (English units)

13.0 Method Performance

The following estimates are based on a collaborative test done at a primary aluminum smelter. In the test, six laboratories each sampled the stack simultaneously using two sampling trains for a total of 12 samples per sampling run. Fluoride concentrations encountered during the test ranged from 0.1 to 1.4 mg F^-/m^3.

13.1 Precision. The intra-laboratory and inter-laboratory standard deviations, which include sampling and analysis errors, are 0.037 mg F^-/m^3 with 60 degrees of freedom and 0.056 mg F^-/m^3 with five degrees of freedom, respectively.

13.2 Bias. The collaborative test did not find any bias in the analytical method.

13.3 Range. The range of this method is 0.02 to 2,000 μg F^-/ml; however, measurements of less than 0.1 μg F^-/ml require extra care.

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 Alternative Procedures

16.1 Compliance with ASTM D 3270–73T, 91, 95 "Analysis for Fluoride Content of the Atmosphere and Plant Tissues (Semiautomated Method)" is an acceptable alternative for the distillation and analysis requirements specified in sections 11.1 and 11.2 when applied to suitable aliquots of Containers 1 and 2 samples.

17.0 References

Same as Method 13A, section 16.0, References 1 and 2, with the following addition:

1. MacLeod, Kathryn E., and Howard L. Crist. Comparison of the SPADNS-Zirconium Lake and Specific Ion Electrode Methods of Fluoride Determination in Stack Emission Samples. Analytical Chemistry. 45:1272–1273. 1973.

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

METHOD 14—DETERMINATION OF FLUORIDE EMISSIONS FROM POTROOM ROOF MONITORS FOR PRIMARY ALUMINUM PLANTS

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 5, Method 13A, and Method 13B.

1.0 Scope and Application

1.1 Analytes.

Analyte	CAS No.	Sensitivity
Total fluorides as Fluorine	7782–41–4	Not determined.

1.2 Applicability. This method is applicable for the determination of fluoride emissions from roof monitors at primary aluminum reduction plant potroom groups.

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 Gaseous and particulate fluoride roof monitor emissions are drawn into a permanent sampling manifold through several large nozzles. The sample is transported from the sampling manifold to ground level through a duct. The fluoride content of the gas in the duct is determined using either Method 13A or Method 13B. Effluent velocity and volumetric flow rate are determined using anemometers located in the roof monitor.

3.0 Definitions

Potroom means a building unit which houses a group of electrolytic cells in which aluminum is produced.

Potroom group means an uncontrolled potroom, a potroom which is controlled individually, or a group of potrooms or potroom segments ducted to a common control system.

Roof monitor means that portion of the roof of a potroom where gases not captured at the cell exit from the potroom.

4.0 Interferences

Same as section 4.0 of either Method 13A or Method 13B, with the addition of the following:

4.1 Magnetic Field Effects. Anemometer readings can be affected by potroom magnetic field effects. section 6.1 provides for minimization of this interference through proper shielding or encasement of anemometer components.

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.

5.2 Corrosive Reagents. Same as section 5.2 of either Method 13A or Method 13B.

6.0 Equipment and Supplies

Same as section 6.0 of either Method 13A or Method 13B, as applicable, with the addition of the following:

6.1 Velocity Measurement Apparatus.

6.1.1 Anemometer Specifications. Propeller anemometers, or equivalent. Each anemometer shall meet the following specifications:

6.1.1.1 Its propeller shall be made of polystyrene, or similar material of uniform density. To ensure uniformity of performance among propellers, it is desirable that all propellers be made from the same mold.

6.1.1.2 The propeller shall be properly balanced, to optimize performance.

6.1.1.3 When the anemometer is mounted horizontally, its threshold velocity shall not exceed 15 m/min (50 ft/min).

6.1.1.4 The measurement range of the anemometer shall extend to at least 600 m/min (2,000 ft/min).

6.1.1.5 The anemometer shall be able to withstand prolonged exposure to dusty and corrosive environments; one way of achieving this is to purge the bearings of the anemometer continuously with filtered air during operation.

6.1.1.6 All anemometer components shall be properly shielded or encased, such that the performance of the anemometer is uninfluenced by potroom magnetic field effects.

6.1.1.7 A known relationship shall exist between the electrical output signal from the anemometer generator and the propeller shaft rpm (see section 10.2.1). Anemometers having other types of output signals (*e.g.*, optical) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator. If other types of anemometers are used, there must be a known relationship between output signal and shaft rpm (see section 10.2.2).

6.1.1.8 Each anemometer shall be equipped with a suitable readout system (see section 6.1.3).

6.1.2 Anemometer Installation Requirements.

6.1.2.1 Single, Isolated Potroom. If the affected facility consists of a single, isolated potroom (or potroom segment), install at least one anemometer for every 85 m (280 ft) of roof monitor length. If the length of the roof monitor divided by 85 m (280 ft) is not a whole number, round the fraction to the nearest whole number to determine the number of anemometers needed. For monitors that are less than 130 m (430 ft) in length, use at least two anemometers. Divide the monitor cross-section into as many equal areas as anemometers, and locate an anemometer at the centroid of each equal area. See exception in section 6.1.2.3.

6.1.2.2 Two or More Potrooms. If the affected facility consists of two or more potrooms (or potroom segments) ducted to a common control device, install anemometers in each potroom (or segment) that contains a sampling manifold. Install at least one anemometer for every 85 m (280 ft) of roof monitor length of the potroom (or segment). If the potroom (or segment) length divided by 85 m (280 ft) is not a whole number, round the fraction to the nearest whole number to determine the number of anemometers needed. If the potroom (or segment) length is less than 130 m (430 ft), use at least two anemometers. Divide the potroom (or segment) monitor cross-section into as many equal areas as anemometers, and locate an anemometer at the centroid of each equal area. See exception in section 6.1.2.3.

6.1.2.3 Placement of Anemometer at the Center of Manifold. At least one anemometer shall be installed in the immediate vicinity (*i.e.*, within 10 m (33 ft)) of the center of the manifold (see section 6.2.1). For its placement in relation to the width of the monitor, there are two alternatives. The first is to make a velocity traverse of the width of the roof monitor where an anemometer is to be placed and install the anemometer at a point of average velocity along this traverse. The traverse may be made with any suitable low velocity measuring device, and shall be made during normal process operating conditions. The second alternative is to install the anemometer half-way across the width of the roof monitor. In this latter case, the velocity traverse need not be conducted.

6.1.3 Recorders. Recorders that are equipped with suitable auxiliary equipment (*e.g.*, transducers) for converting the output signal from each anemometer to a continuous recording of air flow velocity or to an integrated measure of volumetric flowrate shall be used. A suitable recorder is one that allows the output signal from the propeller anemometer to be read to within 1 percent when the velocity is between 100 and 120 m/min (330 and 390 ft/min). For the purpose of recording velocity, "continuous" shall mean one readout per 15-minute or shorter time interval. A constant amount of time shall elapse between readings. Volumetric flow rate may be determined by an electrical count of anemometer revolutions. The recorders or counters shall permit identification of the velocities or flowrates measured by each individual anemometer.

6.1.4 Pitot Tube. Standard-type pitot tube, as described in section 6.7 of Method 2, and having a coefficient of 0.99 ±0.01.

6.1.5 Pitot Tube (Optional). Isolated, Type S pitot, as described in section 6.1 of Method 2, and having a known coefficient, determined as outlined in section 4.1 of Method 2.

6.1.6 Differential Pressure Gauge. Inclined manometer, or equivalent, as described in section 6.1.2 of Method 2.

6.2 Roof Monitor Air Sampling System.

6.2.1 Manifold System and Ductwork. A minimum of one manifold system shall be installed for each potroom group. The manifold system and ductwork shall meet the following specifications:

6.2.1.1 The manifold system and connecting duct shall be permanently installed to draw an air sample from the roof monitor to ground level. A typical installation of a duct for drawing a sample from a roof monitor to ground level is shown in Figure 14–1 in section 17.0. A plan of a manifold system that is located in a roof monitor is shown in Figure 14–2. These drawings represent a typical installation for a generalized roof monitor. The dimensions on these figures may be altered slightly to make the manifold system fit into a particular roof monitor, but the general configuration shall be followed.

6.2.1.2 There shall be eight nozzles, each having a diameter of 0.40 to 0.50 m.

6.2.1.3 The length of the manifold system from the first nozzle to the eighth shall be 35 m (115 ft) or eight percent of the length of the potroom (or potroom segment) roof monitor, whichever is greater. Deviation from this requirement is subject to the approval of the Administrator.

6.2.1.4 The duct leading from the roof monitor manifold system shall be round with a diameter of 0.30 to 0.40 m (1.0 to 1.3 ft). All connections in the ductwork shall be leak-free.

6.2.1.5 As shown in Figure 14–2, each of the sample legs of the manifold shall have a device, such as a blast gate or valve, to enable adjustment of the flow into each sample nozzle.

6.2.1.6 The manifold system shall be located in the immediate vicinity of one of the propeller anemometers (see section 8.1.1.4) and as close as possible to the midsection of the potroom (or potroom segment). Avoid locating the manifold system near the end of a potroom or in a section where the aluminum reduction pot arrangement is not typical of the rest of the potroom (or potroom segment). The sample nozzles shall be centered in the throat of the roof monitor (see Figure 14–1).

6.2.1.7 All sample-exposed surfaces within the nozzles, manifold, and sample duct shall be constructed with 316 stainless steel. Alternatively, aluminum may be used if a new ductwork is conditioned with fluoride-laden roof monitor air for a period of six weeks before initial testing. Other materials of construction may be used if it is demonstrated through comparative testing, to the satisfaction of the Administrator, that there is no loss of fluorides in the system.

6.2.1.8 Two sample ports shall be located in a vertical section of the duct between the roof monitor and the exhaust fan (see section 6.2.2). The sample ports shall be at least 10 duct diameters downstream and three diameters upstream from any flow disturbance such as a bend or contraction. The two sample ports shall be situated 90° apart. One of the sample ports shall be situated so that the duct can be traversed in the plane of the nearest upstream duct bend.

6.2.2 Exhaust Fan. An industrial fan or blower shall be attached to the sample duct at ground level (see Figure 14–1). This exhaust fan shall have a capacity such that a large enough volume of air can be pulled through the ductwork to maintain an isokinetic sampling rate in all the sample nozzles for all flow rates normally encountered in the roof monitor. The exhaust fan volumetric flow rate shall be adjustable so that the roof monitor gases can be drawn isokinetically into the sample nozzles. This control of flow may be achieved by a damper on the inlet to the exhauster or by any other workable method.

6.3 Temperature Measurement Apparatus. To monitor and record the temperature of the roof monitor effluent gas, and consisting of the following:

6.3.1 Temperature Sensor. A temperature sensor shall be installed in the roof monitor near the sample duct. The temperature sensor shall conform to the specifications outlined in Method 2, section 6.3.

6.3.2 Signal Transducer. Transducer, to change the temperature sensor voltage output to a temperature readout.

6.3.3 Thermocouple Wire. To reach from roof monitor to signal transducer and recorder.

6.3.4 Recorder. Suitable recorder to monitor the output from the thermocouple signal transducer.

7.0 Reagents and Standards

Same as section 7.0 of either Method 13A or Method 13B, as applicable.

8.0 Sample Collection, Preservation, Storage, and Transport

8.1 Roof Monitor Velocity Determination.

8.1.1 Velocity Estimate(s) for Setting Isokinetic Flow. To assist in setting isokinetic flow in the manifold sample nozzles, the anticipated average velocity in the section of the roof monitor containing the sampling manifold shall be estimated before each test run. Any convenient means to make this estimate may be used (*e.g.*, the velocity indicated by the anemometer in the section of the roof monitor containing the sampling manifold may be continuously monitored during the 24-hour period before the test run). If there is question as to whether a single estimate of average velocity is adequate for an entire test run (*e.g.*, if velocities are anticipated to be significantly different during different potroom operations), the test run may be divided into two or more "sub-runs," and a different estimated average velocity may be used for each sub-run (see section 8.4.2).

8.1.2 Velocity Determination During a Test Run. During the actual test run, record the velocity or volumetric flowrate readings of each propeller anemometer in the roof monitor. Readings shall be taken from each anemometer at equal time intervals of 15 minutes or less (or continuously).

8.2 Temperature Recording. Record the temperature of the roof monitor effluent gases at least once every 2 hours during the test run.

8.3 Pretest Ductwork Conditioning. During the 24-hour period immediately preceding the test run, turn on the exhaust fan, and draw roof monitor air through the manifold system and ductwork. Adjust the fan to draw a volumetric flow through the duct such that the velocity of gas entering the manifold nozzles approximates the average velocity of the air exiting the roof monitor in the vicinity of the sampling manifold.

8.4 Manifold Isokinetic Sample Rate Adjustment(s).

8.4.1 Initial Adjustment. Before the test run (or first sub-run, if applicable; see sections 8.1.1 and 8.4.2), adjust the fan such that air enters the manifold sample nozzles at a velocity equal to the appropriate estimated average velocity determined under section 8.1.1. Use Equation 14–1 (Section 12.2.2) to determine the correct stream velocity needed in the duct at the sampling location, in order for sample gas to be drawn isokinetically into the manifold nozzles. Next, verify that the correct stream velocity has been achieved, by performing a pitot tube traverse of the sample duct (using either a standard or Type S pitot tube); use the procedure outlined in Method 2.

8.4.2 Adjustments During Run. If the test run is divided into two or more "sub-runs" (see section 8.1.1), additional isokinetic rate adjustment(s) may become necessary during the run. Any such adjustment shall be made just before the start of a sub-run, using the procedure outlined in section 8.4.1 above.

NOTE: Isokinetic rate adjustments are not permissible during a sub-run.

8.5 Pretest Preparation, Preliminary Determinations, Preparation of Sampling Train, Leak-Check Procedures, Sampling Train Operation, and Sample Recovery. Same as Method 13A, sections 8.1 through 8.6, with the exception of the following:

8.5.1 A single train shall be used for the entire sampling run. Alternatively, if two or more sub-runs are performed, a separate train may be used for each sub-run; note, however, that if this option is chosen, the area of the sampling nozzle shall be the same (±2 percent) for each train. If the test run is divided into sub-runs, a complete traverse of the duct shall be performed during each sub-run.

8.5.2 Time Per Run. Each test run shall last 8 hours or more; if more than one run is to be performed, all runs shall be of approximately the same (±10 percent) length. If questions exist as to the representativeness of an 8-hour test, a longer period should be selected. Conduct each run during a period when all normal operations are performed underneath the sampling manifold. For most recently-constructed plants, 24 hours are required for all potroom operations and events to occur in the area beneath the sampling manifold. During the test period, all pots in the potroom group shall be operated such that emissions are representative of normal operating conditions in the potroom group.

9.0 Quality Control

9.1 Miscellaneous Quality Control Measures.

Section	Quality Control Measure	Effect
8.0, 10.0	Sampling equipment leak-check and calibration.	Ensure accurate measurement of gas flow rate in duct and of sample volume.
10.3, 10.4	Initial and periodic performance checks of roof monitor effluent gas characterization apparatus.	Ensure accurate and precise measurement of roof monitor effluent gas temperature and flow rate.
11.0	Interference/recovery efficiency check during distillation.	Minimize negative effects of used acid.

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

10.0 Calibration and Standardization

Same as section 10.0 of either Method 13A or Method 13B, as applicable, with the addition of the following:

10.1 Manifold Intake Nozzles. The manifold intake nozzles shall be calibrated when the manifold system is installed or, alternatively, the manifold may be preassembled and the nozzles calibrated on the ground prior to installation. The following procedures shall be observed:

10.1.1 Adjust the exhaust fan to draw a volumetric flow rate (refer to Equation 14–1) such that the entrance velocity into each manifold nozzle approximates the average effluent velocity in the roof monitor.

10.1.2 Measure the velocity of the air entering each nozzle by inserting a standard pitot tube into a 2.5 cm or less diameter hole (see Figure 14–2) located in the manifold between each blast gate (or valve) and nozzle. Note that a standard pitot tube is used, rather than a type S, to eliminate possible velocity measurement errors due to cross-section blockage in the small (0.13 m diameter) manifold leg ducts. The pitot tube tip shall be positioned at the center of each manifold leg duct. Take care to ensure that there is no leakage around the pitot tube, which could affect the indicated velocity in the manifold leg.

10.1.3 If the velocity of air being drawn into each nozzle is not the same, open or close each blast gate (or valve) until the velocity in each nozzle is the same. Fasten each blast gate (or valve) so that it will remain in position, and close the pitot port holes.

10.2 Initial Calibration of Propeller Anemometers.

10.2.1 Anemometers that meet the specifications outlined in section 6.1.1 need not be calibrated, provided that a reference performance curve relating anemometer signal output to air velocity (covering the velocity range of interest) is available from the manufacturer. If a reference performance curve is not available from the manufacturer, such a curve shall be generated.

For the purpose of this method, a "reference" performance curve is defined as one that has been derived from primary standard calibration data, with the anemometer mounted vertically. "Primary standard" data are obtainable by: (a) direct calibration of one or more of the anemometers by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); (b) NIST-traceable calibration; or (c) Calibration by direct measurement of fundamental parameters such as length and time (*e.g.*, by moving the anemometers through still air at measured rates of speed, and recording the output signals).

10.2.2 Anemometers having output signals other than electrical (*e.g.*, optical) may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator. If other types of anemometers are used, a reference performance curve shall be generated, using procedures subject to the approval of the Administrator.

10.2.3 The reference performance curve shall be derived from at least the following three points: 60 ±15, 900 ±100, and 1800 ±100 rpm.

10.3 Initial Performance Checks. Conduct these checks within 60 days before the first performance test.

10.3.1 Anemometers. A performance-check shall be conducted as outlined in sections 10.3.1.1 through 10.3.1.3. Alternatively, any other suitable method that takes into account the signal output, propeller condition, and threshold velocity of the anemometer may be used, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

10.3.1.1 Check the signal output of the anemometer by using an accurate rpm generator (see Figure 14-3) or synchronous motors to spin the propeller shaft at each of the three rpm settings described in section 10.2.3, and measuring the output signal at each setting. If, at each setting, the output signal is within 5 percent of the manufacturer's value, the anemometer can be used. If the anemometer performance is unsatisfactory, the anemometer shall either be replaced or repaired.

10.3.1.2 Check the propeller condition, by visually inspecting the propeller, making note of any significant damage or warpage; damaged or deformed propellers shall be replaced.

10.3.1.3 Check the anemometer threshold velocity as follows: With the anemometer mounted as shown in Figure 14-4(A), fasten a known weight (a straight-pin will suffice) to the anemometer propeller at a fixed distance from the center of the propeller shaft. This will generate a known torque; for example, a 0.1-g weight, placed 10 cm from the center of the shaft, will generate a torque of 1.0 g-cm. If the known torque causes the propeller to rotate downward, approximately 90° [see Figure 14-4(B)], then the known torque is greater than or equal to the starting torque; if the propeller fails to rotate approximately 90°, the known torque is less than the starting torque. By trying different combinations of weight and distance, the starting torque of a particular anemometer can be satisfactorily estimated. Once an estimate of the starting torque has been obtained, the threshold velocity of the anemometer (for horizontal mounting) can be estimated from a graph such as Figure 14-5 (obtained from the manufacturer). If the horizontal threshold velocity is acceptable [<15 m/min (50 ft/min), when this technique is used], the anemometer can be used. If the threshold velocity of an anemometer is found to be unacceptably high, the anemometer shall either be replaced or repaired.

10.3.2 Recorders and Counters. Check the calibration of each recorder and counter (see section 6.1.2) at a minimum of three points, approximately spanning the expected range of velocities. Use the calibration procedures recommended by the manufacturer, or other suitable procedures (subject to the approval of the Administrator). If a recorder or counter is found to be out of calibration by an average amount greater than 5 percent for the three calibration points, replace or repair the system; otherwise, the system can be used.

10.3.3 Temperature Measurement Apparatus. Check the calibration of the Temperature Measurement Apparatus, using the procedures outlined in section 10.3 of Method 2, at temperatures of 0, 100, and 150 °C (32, 212, and 302 °F). If the calibration is off by more than 5 °C (9 °F) at any of the temperatures, repair or replace the apparatus; otherwise, the apparatus can be used.

10.4 Periodic Performance Checks. Repeat the procedures outlined in section 10.3 no more than 12 months after the initial performance checks. If the above systems pass the performance checks (*i.e.*, if no repair or replacement of any component is necessary), continue with the performance checks on a 12-month interval basis. However, if any of the above systems fail the performance checks, repair or replace the system(s) that failed, and conduct the periodic performance checks on a 3-month interval basis, until sufficient information (to the satisfaction of the Administrator) is obtained to establish a modified performance check schedule and calculation procedure.

NOTE: If any of the above systems fails the 12-month periodic performance checks, the data for the past year need not be recalculated.

11.0 Analytical Procedures

Same as section 11.0 of either Method 13A or Method 13B.

12.0 Data Analysis and Calculations

Same as section 12.0 of either Method 13A or Method 13B, as applicable, with the following additions and exceptions:

12.1 Nomenclature.

A = Roof monitor open area, m^2 (ft^2).
B_{ws} = Water vapor in the gas stream, portion by volume.
C_s = Average fluoride concentration in roof monitor air, mg F/dscm (gr/dscf).
D_d = Diameter of duct at sampling location, m (ft).
D_n = Diameter of a roof monitor manifold nozzle, m (ft).
F = Emission Rate multiplication factor, dimensionless.
F_t = Total fluoride mass collected during a particular sub-run (from Equation 13A–1 of Method 13A or Equation 13B–1 of Method 13B), mg F^- (gr F^-).
M_d = Mole fraction of dry gas, dimensionless.
P_{rm} = Pressure in the roof monitor; equal to barometric pressure for this application.
Q_{sd} = Average volumetric flow from roof monitor at standard conditions on a dry basis, m^3/min.
T_{rm} = Average roof monitor temperature (from section 8.2), °C (°F).
V_d = Desired velocity in duct at sampling location, m/sec.
V_m = Anticipated average velocity (from section 8.1.1) in sampling duct, m/sec.
V_{mt} = Arithmetic mean roof monitor effluent gas velocity, m/sec.
V_s = Actual average velocity in the sampling duct (from Equation 2–9 of Method 2 and data obtained from Method 13A or 13B), m/sec.

12.2 Isokinetic Sampling Check.

12.2.1 Calculate the arithmetic mean of the roof monitor effluent gas velocity readings (v_m) as measured by the anemometer in the section of the roof monitor containing the sampling manifold. If two or more sub-runs have been performed, the average velocity for each sub-run may be calculated separately.

12.2.2 Calculate the expected average velocity (v_d) in the duct, corresponding to each value of v_m obtained under section 12.2.1, using Equation 14–1.

$$V_d = \frac{8D_n^2 V_m}{60D_d^2} \qquad \text{Eq. 14-1}$$

Where:

8 = number of required manifold nozzles.
60 = sec/min.

12.2.3 Calculate the actual average velocity (v_s) in the sampling duct for each run or sub-run according to Equation 2–9 of Method 2, using data obtained during sampling (Section 8.0 of Method 13A).

12.2.4 Express each vs value from section 12.2.3 as a percentage of the corresponding v_d value from section 12.2.2.

12.2.4.1 If vs is less than or equal to 120 percent of v_d, the results are acceptable (note that in cases where the above calculations have been performed for each sub-run, the results are acceptable if the average percentage for all sub-runs is less than or equal to 120 percent).

12.2.4.2 If v_s is more than 120 percent of v_d, multiply the reported emission rate by the following factor:

$$F = 1 + \frac{\dfrac{100\ V_s}{V_d} - 120}{200} \qquad \text{Eq. 14-2}$$

12.3 Average Velocity of Roof Monitor Effluent Gas. Calculate the arithmetic mean roof monitor effluent gas velocity (v_{mt}) using all the velocity or volumetric flow readings from section 8.1.2.

12.4 Average Temperature of Roof Monitor Effluent Gas. Calculate the arithmetic mean roof monitor effluent gas temperature (T_m) using all the temperature readings recorded in section 8.2.

12.5 Concentration of Fluorides in Roof Monitor Effluent Gas.

12.5.1 If a single sampling train was used throughout the run, calculate the average fluoride concentration for the roof monitor using Equation 13A–2 of Method 13A.

12.5.2 If two or more sampling trains were used (*i.e.*, one per sub-run), calculate the average fluoride concentration for the run using Equation 14–3:

$$C_s = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (F_t)_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(V_{m(std)}\right)_i} \qquad \text{Eq. 14-3}$$

Where:

n = Total number of sub-runs.

12.6 Mole Fraction of Dry Gas.

$$M_d = 1 - B_{ws} \qquad \text{Eq. 14-4}$$

12.7 Average Volumetric Flow Rate of Roof Monitor Effluent Gas. Calculate the arithmetic mean volumetric flow rate of the roof monitor effluent gases using Equation 14–5.

$$Q_{sd} = \frac{K_1\, V_{mt}\, M_d\, P_m\, A}{T_{rm}} \qquad \text{Eq. 14-5}$$

Where:

K_1 = 0.3858 K/mm Hg for metric units,

= 17.64 °R/in. Hg for English units.

13.0 Method Performance [Reserved]

14.0 Pollution Prevention [Reserved]

15.0 Waste Management [Reserved]

16.0 References

Same as section 16.0 of either Method 13A or Method 13B, as applicable, with the addition of the following:

1. Shigehara, R.T. A Guideline for Evaluating Compliance Test Results (Isokinetic Sampling Rate Criterion). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Emission Measurement Branch, Research Triangle Park, NC. August 1977.

17.0 Tables, Diagrams, Flowcharts, and Validation Data