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INTRODUCTION

The previous version of the manual sampling practice described the various sampling methods and apparatus, with much focus on crude oils and semi-solids and solids. Also, previous versions did not significantly address closed or restricted sampling, which continue to become more prevalent.

This version will provide guidance on manual sampling terminology, concepts, equipment, containers, procedures, and will provide some specific guidance related to particular products and tests. The type and size of the sample obtained, and the handling method, will depend on the purpose for which it was taken. Refer to the test method for any specific sampling and handling requirements up to the point of testing. It remains the responsibility of the subcommittee for the relevant test method to provide guidance, or warnings, regarding sample container selection, preparation; cleanliness; heat, pressure, or light; sample size requirements for testing and retention; and any other special handling requirements necessary to ensure a representative sample is tested.

In addition to the individual test method, for guidance on container, size, mixing and special handling, further guidance may be provided in Practice D5854 (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.3), Practice D5842 (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.4), and Practice D4306. While this practice will provide some general guidance regarding sample chain of custody, Guide D4840 should also be consulted.

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers procedures and equipment for manually obtaining samples of liquid petroleum and petroleum products, crude oils, and intermediate products from the sample point into the primary container as described. Procedures are also included for the sampling of free water and other heavy components associated with petroleum and petroleum products.

1.2 This practice also addresses the sampling of semi-liquid or solid-state petroleum products.

1.3 This practice provides additional specific information about sample container selection, preparation, and sample handling.

1.4 This practice does not cover sampling of electrical insulating oils and hydraulic fluids. If sampling is for the precise determination of volatility, use Practice D5842 (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.4) in conjunction with this practice. For sample mixing and handling, refer to Practice D5854 (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.3).

1.5 The procedures described in this practice may also be applicable in sampling most non-corrosive liquid industrial chemicals provided that all safety precautions specific to these chemicals are followed. Also, refer to Practice E300. The procedures described in this practice are also applicable to sampling liquefied petroleum gases and chemicals. Also refer to Practices D1265 and D3700. The procedure for sampling bituminous materials is described in Practice D140. Practice D4306 provides guidance on sample containers and preparation for sampling aviation fuel.

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