

SUMMARY COMMENTS AND STATUS OF HORIZONTAL DS 10. AOX

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee was of the opinion that the desk study elaborated by this Work Package team was of good quality. Mr Reimar Leschber, Work Package Leader, attributed this to the large process of consultation among the different CEN/TC members and to the high degree of co-operation this process had guaranteed.

Not all Steering Committee members agreed to proceed forward with Phase II for all the concerned organic compounds. In particular, the relevance of AOX was questioned. After discussing the matter, it was eventually **agreed to proceed with Phase II with all compounds**, subject to a review when the proposals for the revision of the Sewage Sludge Directive and the Biowaste Directive were adopted by the Commission.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

HORIZONTAL DESK STUDY 10. AOX

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No executive summary was made, only few comments were received.

General comments:

- The summary describes the findings which is very helpful, however nowhere is there any discussion of the usefulness of AOX. It attempts to sum the organic halogens but with no weighting for toxicity. Therefore it is difficult to see that the numerical value of the result can have any environmental relevance. The conclusion that samples for interlaboratory evaluation of the method should be in the forms typically received by laboratories (i.e. not pre-prepared) is entirely appropriate.
- A standard already exists for sludges but even if it is useful for this matrix, for soils, there is no interest. So this topic could be deleted from the Programme horizontal

Specific comments:

The report accepts the finding of CEN/TC 292 that AOX is inappropriate for waste uncritically. It would be more appropriate if the authors were to examine this question, along with the appropriateness for sludge, soil and treated biowaste.