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### New NIST SRMs/RMs

### NIST SRM 1196 Standard Cigarette for Ignition Resistance Testing

#### **Cigarette Aids Efforts to Reduce Furniture and Bed Fire Risk**



States.

On September 10, 2010, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) made available for purchase a new Standard Reference Material, SRM 1196, Standard Cigarette for Ignition Resistance Testing.

For over 30 years, upholstered furniture and mattresses have been tested to verify that they are less prone to ignition by burning cigarettes. There are several such tests, some required by the federal government and the state of California, others adopted by the furniture and mattress industries themselves. In the tests, lit cigarettes are placed on the furniture or furniture components, and ignition or non-ignition is noted. These tests have contributed substantially to the overall decrease in fire-related deaths and injuries in the United

Since the 1970s, the cigarette used in these tests was a commercial cigarette that the National Bureau of Standards, now NIST, identified in the 1970s as the hottest burning. As of this year, nearly all of North America is subject to regulations that require cigarettes to be less likely to cause ignition. Therefore, the test cigarette that had been used for decades is no longer in production. The new generation of cigarettes appears to be reducing fire deaths from cigarettes by half, saving about 400 lives per year.

Holding onto this gain, however, requires that furniture and beds continue to be as resistant to cigarette ignition as they have been for the past 30 years. SRM 1196 cigarettes were specially produced to replicate the ignition performance of the earlier test cigarette that had been used for decades.

SRM 1196 was developed in collaboration with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. There are now two SRM cigarettes, each with different properties and serving different user communities. SRM 1082, first available in 2006, has a low ignition strength, characteristic of all commercial cigarettes that must now meet the new fire safety regulations throughout North America. SRM 1082 is used by manufacturers of cigarettes for certification and quality assurance of their products. As stated above, SRM 1196 is a high-ignition-strength cigarette, used by furnishings manufacturers to verify that their products meet mandatory and voluntary standards for ignition resistance. Regulators can use SRM 1082 to help verify regulatory compliance of commercial cigarettes and SRM 1196 to verify regulatory compliance of furnishings.

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#### NIST SRM 1689 Sulfur Dioxide in Nitrogen 5 µmol/mol

SRM 1689 is the latest addition to the collection of gas standards that underpins traceable measurements of sulfur dioxide from static and mobile sources in the United States. The new 5  $\mu$ mol/mol (ppm) sulfur dioxide gas standard joins the present suite of gas standards ranging in concentration from 50  $\mu$ mol/mol to 3500  $\mu$ mol/mol, and will primarily support power plants aiming to attain very low emissions of sulfur from their tall stacks. Sulfur dioxide is the primary acid-forming gas in the atmosphere linked to acid rain, and is the subject of an Environmental Protection Agency emissions credit program. Traceable gas standards are vital to maintaining the integrity of emission credit trading and ensure the outcome of the program-lower sulfur emissions. SRM 1689 is delivered in a 6 liter aluminum cylinder containing approximately 0.73 m<sup>3</sup> of usable gas. The sulfur dioxide is certified for 4 years and has a relative uncertainty of 0.76 %. It is anticipated that the need for lower concentration sulfur dioxide gas standards will increase as new emissions technologies come on line. NIST is already researching new lower concentration gas SRMs to meet this need.

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### NIST SRM 1729 Tin Alloy Supports High Reliability Electronics for Aerospace and Defense Systems

The release of Standard Reference Material (SRM) 1729 Tin Alloy (97Sn-3Pb) is a step toward ensuring the reliability of electronics components manufactured for use in satellites, spacecraft, and defense weapons systems. SRM 1729, a chill-cast disk-form material, directly supports revised Military Specification 1580 requirements for prohibited materials analysis of incoming electronics components and assemblies. "Prohibited materials" refers to solder and plating compositions that include lead-free solder, pure tin (Sn) coatings, cadmium (Cd) coatings, and zinc (Zn) coatings, which are prohibited because they allow growth of metal whiskers inside assemblies and increase the risk of failures in service. The U.S. Air Force Surface Missile Center sponsored development of SRM 1729 because they, along with other Department of Defense entities and NASA, have determined that a small amount of lead (Pb) must be included in solder and coatings to reduce the risk of whiskers to an acceptable level. Thus, they require a minimum mass fraction of 3 % Pb and a maximum of 97 % Sn, which is the alloy composition of SRM 1729.

SRM 1729 was developed in collaboration with The Aerospace Corporation (a government-sponsored research and development corporation), MBH Analytical (a supplier of custom alloys), Raytheon Corporation (a supplier of systems components), and Hire Laboratories (an expert laboratory). SRM 1729 is certified for bulk composition with values for Pb, Zn, Sn, bismuth (Bi), aluminum (Al), copper (Cu), iron (Fe), nickel (Ni), and antimony (Sb). Certification of SRM 1729 for bulk composition is critical because tin alloys rapidly develop an equilibrium surface composition enriched in Pb, Zn, and other elements that diffuse to the surface. Correctly executed X-ray fluorescence (XRF) methods reflect bulk composition. However, surface-sensitive techniques such as scanning electron microscopy with energy-dispersive spectrometry (SEM-EDS) obtain results that are significantly different from the bulk alloy composition. Tin alloy reference materials with bulk composition values (including SRM 1729) cannot be used for calibration or validation of SEM-EDS methods, which are used by a significant number of labs for measurements of Pb, Sn, and Zn. Follow-up efforts are planned to determine the concentration gradients near the surfaces of units of SRM 1729, assess the stability of the gradients, and make SRM 1729 directly useful for SEM-EDS analyses.

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### NIST SRM 2771 Sulfur in Diesel Fuel Blend Stock Supports EPA Ultra Low Sulfur in Diesel Regulations

diesel certified а new reference material for sulfur NIST has recently in fuel at  $0.102 \ \mu g/g \pm 0.014 \ \mu g/g$  (95 % confidence level). This new standard will assist the petroleum industry in meeting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) 15 ppm limit on ultra low sulfur diesel (ULSD), which took effect on June 1, 2006. The European Union's upper limit on sulfur in both diesel and gasoline is 10 µg/g. The ULSD is enabling new after-treatment technology to reduce particulates and  $NO_x$  in diesel emissions. The EPA estimates that the new highway heavy-duty and 2010 Tier 4 non-road diesel regulations will provide approximately \$150 billion annually in health and welfare benefits to the American public when fully implemented. The primary transportation system for diesel and other refined products in the United States is an elaborate and efficient 200,000 mile underground pipeline system. Maintaining the integrity of 15 ppm diesel fuel by limiting sulfur cross-contamination during pipline transit is a formidable challenge.

SRM 2771 is a ultra-low level diesel fuel blend stock that can be used as a natural matrix blank to check the nearzero point on calibration curves and as a gravimetrically blended diluent with existing diesel fuel SRMs to prepare calibration standards and check samples. The solid blue blend line in the chart below represents a continuous series of blends with existing SRM 2770. The uncertainty in the blends between 1 and 20  $\mu$ g/g (ppm) is well below the accuracy requirement of the EPA.

The accuracy required by the EPA as stated in 40 CFR 80.584 is stated as, "the arithmetic average of a continuous series of at least 10 tests performed on a commercially available gravimetric sulfur standard in the range of 1-10 ppm sulfur shall not differ from the accepted reference value (ARV) of that standard by more than 0.54 ppm sulfur." The same requirement is also specified for the 10-20 ppm range. If this 0.54 ppm requirement were interpreted as 3s limit, then it can be expressed as a 95 % confidence interval of 0.41 ppm given by the green dashed line in the figure.



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### NIST SRM 3275 Omega-3 and Omega-6 Fatty Acids in Fish Oil



Fish oils that are used as dietary supplements, because of their omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acid content, have been added to the series of materials being produced by the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Institutes of Health's Office of Dietary Supplements . A unit of this material consists of three ampoules, one each of three oils: SRM 3275-1, a concentrate high in docosahexaenoic acid (DHA); SRM 3275-2, an anchovy oil high in DHA and

eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA); and SRM 3275-3, a concentrate containing 60 % long-chain omega-3 fatty acids. EPA and DHA are both omega-3 fatty acids. Each ampoule contains approximately 1.2 mL of oil under argon. Values are assigned for each material for 11 to 16 individual fatty acids including the omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids. Materials in this suite of SRMs are intended for use as primary control materials when assigning values to in-house (secondary) control materials and for validation of analytical methods.

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NIST SRM 3281 Cranberry (Fruit) NIST SRM 3282 Low-Calorie Cranberry Juice Cocktail NIST SRM 3283 Cranberry Extract NIST SRM 3284 Cranberry-Containing Solid Oral Dosage Form NIST SRM 3285 Mixed Berry-Containing Solid Oral Dosage Form NIST SRM 3287 Blueberry (Fruit) NIST SRM 3291 Bilberry Extract



The National Institute of Standards and Technology has been working with the National Institutes of Health's Office of Dietary Supplements to produce SRMs, and seven new materials based on berries are part of this series: SRM 3281 Cranberry (Fruit), SRM 3282 Low-Calorie Cranberry Juice Cocktail, SRM 3283 Cranberry Extract, SRM 3284 Cranberry-Containing Solid Oral Dosage Form, SRM 3285 Mixed Berry-Containing Solid Oral Dosage Form, SRM 3287 Blueberry (Fruit), and SRM 3291 Bilberry Extract. These materials have been characterized for their organic acid content. Three of the

SRMs are traditional foods (cranberries, cranberry juice, and blueberries), and they have been characterized for nine nutritional elements and sugars. The blueberries have also been characterized for proximates, two water-soluble vitamins, and amino acids. These new materials are intended for use in method development and validation as well as for quality assurance and traceability when assigning values to in-house control materials. A unit of each of these materials consists of five packets or ampoules, each containing the following quantities: cranberries, 6 g; cranberry juice, 1.2 mL; cranberry extract 2.5 g; both solid oral dosage forms, 2.5 g; blueberries, 5 g; bilberry extract 1 g, respectively.

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### NIST RM 8323 Yeast Protein Extract

Reference Material 8323 Yeast Protein Extract is intended to support measurements used to identify proteins in complex protein mixtures such as those in proteomics. RM 8323 can be used to help assess measurement repeatability within a laboratory or comparability between laboratories or among different measurement approaches. RM 8323 can also be used in the development and validation of new measurement approaches for identifying proteins in complex protein mixtures. A unit of RM 8323 consists of three vials, each containing 200  $\mu$ L of frozen yeast protein extract solution. The proteins extracted from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeast have been solubilized in 50 mmol/L ammonium bicarbonate in water.

The development of RM 8323 was performed in collaboration with the Clinical Proteomic Technologies for Cancer (CPTC) program of the National Cancer Institute. The proteome from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* yeast was used in several CPTC interlaboratory studies, which aimed to assess the repeatability and reproducibility of proteomic measurement for protein identification.



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## Renewals

- **SRM 1667b** Propane in Air (Nominal 50 µmol/mol) Lot # 83-J-XX
- SRM 1669b Propane in Air (Nominal 500 µmol/mol) Lot # 81-I-XX
- SRM 1689 Sulfur Dioxide in Nitrogen (Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction 5 µmol/mol) Lot #98-A-XX
- SRM 1729 Tin Alloy (97Sn-3Pb)
- SRM 1888b Portland Cement
- SRM 2092 Low-Energy Charpy
- SRM 2389a Amino Acids in 0.1 mol/L Hydrochloric Acid

## Revisions

## Certificate Revisions: Are You Using These Materials?

This is a list of our most recent certificate revisions. NIST updates certificates for a variety of reasons, such as to extend the expiration date or to include additional information gained from stability testing. Users of NIST SRMs should ensure that they have the current certificates. If you do not have the current certificate for your material, you can print or view a copy at our website at **http://www.nist.gov/srm** or contact the Measurement Services Division at:

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#### SRM 83d Arsenic Trioxide

New expiration date: 26 December 2017 Editorial changes

#### SRM 143d Cystine

New expiration date: 30 September 2018 Editorial changes

**SRM 654b Titanium-Base Alloy** Technical and editorial changes

#### SRM 927d Bovine Serum Albumin

New expiration date: 30 June 2015 Editorial changes

#### SRM 955c Toxic Metals in Caprine Blood

New expiration date: 01 February 2020 Technical and editorial changes

#### SRM 1566b Oyster Tissue

New expiration date: 01 June 2020 Editorial changes

#### SRM 1620c Sulfur in Residual Fuel Oil (4%)

New expiration date: 01 October 2015

#### SRM 1660a Methane and Propane in Air (Nominal : Methane 4 µmol/mol; Propane 1 µmol/mol Lot #13-XX-E

New expiration date: 01 October 2017 Editorial changes

#### SRM 1676 Carbon Dioxide in Air (Nominal 365 µmol/mol)

**Lot #19-B-XX** New expiration date: 01 September 2017 Editorial changes

# **Revisions (continued)**

#### SRM 1763a Low Alloy Steel

Correction of the uncertainty value for carbon Editorial changes

#### SRM 1849 Infant/Adult Nutritional Formula

Reference and uncertainty values changed

## SRM 1957 Organic Contaminants in Non-Fortified Human Serum

Editorial changes

SRM 1958 Organic Contaminants in Fortified Human Serum Editorial changes

#### **SRM 2133 Phosphorus Implant in Si Depth Profile** Editorial changes

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#### SRM 2134 Arsenic in Silicon Editorial changes

**SRM 2137 Boron Implant in Silicon Standard for Calibration of Concentration in a Depth Profile** Editorial changes

## SRM 2266 Hopanes and Steranes in 2,2,4 Trimethylpentane

Editorial changes

#### SRM 2613a Carbon Monoxide in Air (Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction – 20 µmol/mol) Lot #22-XX-E

New expiration date: 01 August 2017 Editorial changes

### SRM 2628a Nitric Oxide in Nitrogen (Nominal 10 µmol/mol)

Lot #49-H-XX New expiration date: 01 November 2013 Editorial changes

#### SRM 2635a Carbon Monoxide in Nitrogen (Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction – 25 µmol/mol) Lot #58-D-XX

New expiration date: 13 August 2017 Editorial changes

#### SRM 2636a Carbon Monoxide in Nitrogen (Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction – 250 μmol/mol) Lot #57-E-XX New expiration date: 01 September 2017 Editorial changes

# **Revisions (continued)**

#### SRM 2658a Oxygen in Nitrogen (Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction – 10 % mol/mol)

Lot #72-D-XX New expiration date: 01 June 2017 Editorial changes

#### SRM 2684b Bituminous Coal (Sulfur and Mercury)

New expiration date: 31 December 2013 Editorial changes

#### SRM 2718 Green Petroleum Coke

New expiration date: 31 December 2020 Editorial changes

#### SRM 2719 Calcined Petroleum Coke

New expiration date: 31 December 2020 Editorial changes

#### SRM 2775 Sulfur in Foundry Coke

New expiration date: 31 December 2020 Editorial changes

#### SRM 2776 Furnace Coke

New expiration date: 31 December 2020 Editorial changes

#### SRM 3067 Toxaphene in Methanol

New expiration date: 31 July 2016 Editorial changes

#### SRM 3134 Molybdenum Standard Solution Lot #891307

New expiration date: 01 December 2015 Editorial changes

#### SRM 3152a Sodium Standard Solution

Lot #010728 New expiration date: 01 August 2013 Editorial changes

#### SRM 3183 Fluoride Anion Standard Solution Lot #050721

New expiration date: 14 November 2014 Editorial changes

#### RM 8040 Sodium Oxalate ( $Na_2C_2O_4$ ) Reductometric Standard

New expiration date: 07 November 2013 Editorial changes

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Materials Research Society Meeting (MRS) November 30-December 2, 2010

Hynes Convention Center Boston, MA

Electronic Materials and Applications (EMA) January 19-21, 2011 Royal Plaza Walt Disney World Resort Orlando, FL

#### **Energy & Environment Conference (EUEC)**

January 31 – February 2, 2011 Phoenix Convention Center Phoenix, Arizona

#### American Academy for

**Forensic Science (AAFS)** *February 23 – 25, 2011* Hyatt Regency Chicago, IL

#### The Minerals, Metals, and Material Society (TMS)

*February 27 – March 3, 2011* San Diego Convention Center San Diego, CA **Pittsburgh Conference** (**PITTCON**) *March 13 – 18, 2011* Atlanta World Congress Center Atlanta, GA

American Chemical Society (ACS) March 27 – 31, 2011 Anaheim Convention Center Anaheim, CA

Materials Research Society Spring Meeting (MRS) April 25 – 29, 2011 Moscone West San Francisco, CA

**36<sup>th</sup> Intl Tech Conf on Clearwater Clean Coal** *June 5-9, 2011* Sheraton Sand Key Clearwater, FL

#### IFT – Food Expo

*June 12- 14, 2011* New Orleans Morial Convention Center New Orleans, LA

**ISO/REMCO 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting** July 11-15, 2011

Delft, Netherlands

AACC Clinical Lab Expo July 26-28, 2011 Georgia World Congress Center Atlanta, GA

NCSL Symposium August 21-25, 2011 Gaylord Natl. Convention Center National Harbor, MD Dioxin 2011 August 21-25, 2011 Brussels, Belgium

American Chemical Society (ACS) August 28-September1, 2011 Denver Convention Center Denver, CO

#### Association of Official Chemists (AOAC) September 18-21, 2011

Sheraton New Orleans New Orleans, LA

#### MS&T Show

*October 16-20, 2011* Greater Columbus Convention Center Columbus, OH

#### Air Quality VIII

*October 24-27, 2011* Marriott Crystal Gateway Arlington, VA

#### ChemShow

November 1-3, 2011 Jacob Javits Convention Center New York City, NY

Material Research Society Fall Meeting (MRS) November 28-December 2, 2011 Hynes Convention Center Boston, MA

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#### For Mozilla Firefox

1) You must have version 3.0.5 or later

2) Enable SSL 3.0

3) Enable TLS 1.0

To enable SSL 3.0 and TLS 1.0

- 1) Go to Tools > Options
- 2) Click on the Advanced icon
- 3) Click the Encryption tab
- 4) Under Protocols, make sure both boxes are checked

#### For Internet Explorer

- 1) You must have version 6.0 or later
- 2) Enable SSL 3.0
- 3) Enable TLS 1.0

#### To enable SSL 3.0 and TLS 1.0

- 1) Go to Tools > Internet Options
- 2) Click on the Advanced tab
- 3) Scroll down to Security
- 3) Make sure that both SSL 3.0 and TLS 1.0 are checked

## Other NIST Measurement Services Websites of Interest

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Standard Reference Materials www.nist.gov/srm

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