National Institute of Standards & Technology

Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material® 3117a

Spectrometric Standard Solution

Europium

Batch Code 590206

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in atomic absorption spectrometry, inductively coupled plasma spectrometry, spectrophotometry, or any other analytical technique that requires aqueous standard solutions for calibrating instruments. SRM 3117a is a single element solution prepared gravimetrically to contain a nominal 10 mg/mL of europium with an approximate nitric acid volume fraction of 16 %. The certified value (Y) is based on replicate titrations against a reference solution of europium metal of known purity. The value has been adjusted upward by 0.1 % relative based on estimated transpiration losses of solvent through the container walls of 0.2 % relative per year. The mass density of the solution at 22 °C is 1.087 g/mL.

Metal	Concentration (mg/mL)	Source Purity, %	Acid Volume Fraction, Approximate
Europium	9.98 ± 0.02	Eu_2O_3, (99.99 %)[a]	HNO_3, 16 %

[a]This high-purity material was analyzed by optical emission spectrometry and atomic absorption spectrometry and found to contain less than 100 mg/kg total impurities.

The uncertainty in the certified value is calculated as

$$U = (2u_c + 0.001Y) \text{ mg/mL}$$

where u_c is the "combined uncertainty" calculated according to the ISO Guide [1]. The value u_c is intended to represent, at the level of one standard deviation, the combined effect of uncertainty components associated with volumetric, gravimetric, and titrimetric factors, as well as the purity of the europium metal. The additional quantity, $0.001Y$, is an allowance for transpiration of solution through the container walls, which is estimated to be ± 0.1 % of the certified value during the one-year period of validity of the certification.

SRM 3117a was prepared and analyzed by T.A. Butler; atomic emission spectrometric measurements and titrimetric analyses were made by T.A. Butler and C.M. Beck II of the NIST Analytical Chemistry Division.

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Procedures for Use

Stability: This certification is valid for one year from the shipping date, provided the solution is kept tightly capped and stored under normal laboratory conditions. NIST will monitor the stability of representative solutions from the SRM lot, and if any changes occur that invalidate this certification, NIST will notify purchasers.

Preparation of Working Standard Solutions: All solutions should be brought to 22 °C ± 1 °C before use and all glass or plastic surfaces coming into contact with the standard must have been previously cleaned. A working standard solution can be prepared from the SRM solution by serial dilution. Dilutions should be made with certified volumetric class A flasks and 5 mL or 10 mL class A pipets. All volumetric transfers of solutions should be performed using a proven analytical technique. Each dilution should be acidified with an appropriate high-purity acid and diluted to calibrated volume using high-purity water. The stability of the working standard solution will depend on the final acid concentration; therefore, care should be exercised to ensure that the final acid concentration of the dilution closely approximates that of the SRM. The analyst should prepare daily working solutions from 100 μg/mL dilutions of the original SRM solution.

NOTICE AND WARNING TO USERS

For some instrumental techniques, small differences in acid type and concentration between the SRM and sample may lead to erroneous results. Therefore, the same acid mixture as is listed on this SRM certificate should be used in making appropriate dilutions and working standards.

REFERENCE

[1] *"Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement"*, ISBN 92-67-10188-9, 1st Ed. ISO, Geneva, Switzerland, (1993).

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