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Certificate of Analysis Certified Reference Material C108A Monazite Sand – Silica Mixture Thorium Standard

Thorium: $0.0515_5 \pm 0.0002_3 \text{ Wt.}\%$

 $(\alpha = 0.05, df = 9)$

*Uranium (calculated): 0.00205 Wt.%

This Certified Reference Material (CRM) C108A was prepared by milling and blending NBL CRM 7-A Monazite Sand (9.7% ThO₂) with silica (99.9% SiO₂) to obtain a uniform mixture of desired thorium concentration. Characterization and certification analyses for uranium content were performed on ten (10) units selected from the packaged final product.

The certified value listed above is expressed in terms of 95% confidence limits, defined as as $\overline{x} \pm \sigma^- t$, where \overline{x} is the unweighted mean of the measurement data, σ is the standard deviation of the mean, and t is the Student's t value for the indicated degrees of freedom (df) and at the 5% significance level (α).

REFERENCE METHODS OF ANALYSIS: Spectrophotometry verified with NBL Thorium Oxide (ThO₂).

*Calculation is based on the uranium oxide (U_3O_8) value of $0.399_3 \pm 0.017_1$ Wt% U_3O_8 for NBL CRM 7-A Monazite Sand.