

# Determination of Phosphonate Concentration in Water

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## **ABSTRACT**

*This standard test method is a colorimetric determination of low concentrations of phosphonate residuals in water from oil and gas production, water injection/disposal, and other industrial applications. This standard is maintained by Task Group (TG) 414.*

## **KEYWORDS**

*Oil and gas, water, phosphonate*

## Foreword

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This standard test method is a colorimetric determination of low concentrations of phosphonate residuals in water. Organic phosphonates are used as mineral scale and corrosion inhibitors in oil and gas operations, water injection/disposal operations, and other industrial applications. This test method is intended for use by oil and gas operators and service companies to determine residual phosphonate concentrations in waters that are treated with phosphonate inhibitors.

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