MANUAL ON

DRILLING, SAMPLING, AND ANALYSIS OF

COAL
Foreword

In 1986, ASTM Committee D 225 published Standard Practice for the Collection of Channel Samples of Coal in the Mine (D 4596) which became a consensus standard for the collection of coal samples for rank determination using ASTM Classification D 388 and for other industrial purposes. At that time, Subcommittees D05.18 on Classification and D05.23 on Sampling formed a joint task group to prepare a standard practice for the collection of coal samples from core. Although obtaining coal samples from core has been in common use for decades, information regarding recent advances in drilling technology and geophysical techniques was considered to be too voluminous for inclusion in a standard. The task group therefore synthesized current practice information to produce a manual that could be used in conjunction with a standard practice for sample collection. This manual is the product of that effort which, in turn, enabled the development of ASTM Standard Practice for Collection of Coal Samples from Core (D 5192).

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