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Guidance on the procedure for the investigation of urban and industrial sites with regard to soil contamination

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Partie 5: Lignes directrices pour la procédure d'investigation des sols pollués en sites urbains et industriels



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## **Foreword**

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- Part 1: Guidance on the design of sampling programmes,
- Part 2: Guidance on sampling techniques,
- Part 3: Guidance on safety,
- Part 4: Guidance on the procedure for investigation of natural, near-natural and cultivated sites,
- Part 5: Guidance on the procedure for the investigation of urban and industrial sites with regard to soil contamination,
- Part 6: Guidance on the collection, handling and storage of soil for the assessment of aerobic microbial processes in the laboratory,
- Part 7: Guidance on sampling of soil gas,
- Part 8: Guidance on sampling of stockpiles.

### Introduction

This part of ISO 10381 is one of a group of standards dealing with various aspects of site investigation and sampling. It should be used in conjunction with the other parts of ISO 10381 (see Foreword).

Whilst serious cases of soil contamination mostly occur at urban and industrial sites, serious contamination of agricultural land can also occur (for example, due to pesticides usage, long-term irrigation and application of organic wastes). In such cases, a combination of the methodologies of ISO 10381-4 and ISO 10381-5 may be appropriate. When the objective of an investigation is related to plant growth, reference should be made to ISO 10381-4.

The general terminology used is in accordance with that established in ISO/TC 190 "Soil quality" and more particularly with the terminology given in ISO 11074.

The investigation of ground water, soil gas and surface water falls outside the scope of (this part of) ISO 10381. For more information on ground water and surface water sampling, see ISO 5667. Information on the sampling of soil gas is provided in ISO 10381-7.