

Template for comments and secretariat observations

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JP	1	1 st and 2 nd par.	te	<p>He range of “volatile compounds” should be specified. Giving a list of some typical volatile compounds expected in soils is very helpful.</p> <p>There would be no problem to use the method to prepare soil samples for total content analyses of non-volatile compounds. However, it is not certain whether freeze-drying does not affect the chemical forms of, for example, heavy metals. We think it would be better to call an attention to this concern.</p>		
JP	4.1	1 st par.	te	Is it a must to freeze samples at a temperature below –35 C? We think it is all right to freeze at a temperature low enough to avoid thawing before high vacuum has been achieved.		
JP	5	8 th par.	te	An operator can control neither the drying pressure nor the temperature in most freeze-driers. They solely depend on the power of its vacuum pump. We think it is sufficient to indicate the importance of keeping the pressure low enough to prevent thawing.		
JP	5	18 th par.	te	We don't think it is important to flush the cabinet with dry gas after drying. Simple leak and introduction of normal atmosphere will suffice in usual soil sample preparation. Flushing with dry gas is needed only for special cases where adsorption of moisture has to be strictly avoided.		

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