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*Part 3: Coal — Sampling from stationary lots*

*Part 4: Coal — Preparation of test samples*

*Part 5: Coke — Sampling from moving streams*

*Part 6: Coke — Preparation of test samples*

*Part 7: Methods for determining the precision of sampling, sample preparation and testing*

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