

As expected the Dutch standards organisation (NEN) will relinquish the Secretariat of ISO TC190 on soil quality at the end of 2017. This is the result of a government decision to cease to fund the Secretariat. At present it is expected that the German standards organisation will take over the Secretariat with France (AFNOR) playing a major role in running the Sub-Committees and Working Groups. The UK provides no Secretariat support.

The structure of TC190 is to be simplified and the number of Sub-committees and Working Groups reduced.

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GEOENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS FOR SOIL & SITE ASSESSMENT – 20 November 2017

BSI PROJECTS		
BS 10175 Amendment 2	Amendment in response to publication of ISO 18400 standards.	Publication of new version of BS10175 expected by end of 2017.
BS10175	Discussion about possible revision was started at the meeting of BSI EH4 to be held on 26 October. Public consultation about the need for revision will probably follow shortly.	Will possibly commence in 2018.
New British Standard	Sampling of soils for determination of VOCs – Submission to BSI being prepared.	Work expected to start early in 2018.
BS ISO 18400 Series		
(BS) DIS 18400-104	Strategies	Draft FDIS being prepared by DIN.
(BS) (F)DIS 18400-202	Preliminary investigations	Draft FDISs sent to DIN for processing July 2016 – still not sent to ISO
(F) DIS 18400-203	Investigations of potentially contaminated sites	
(BS) DIS 18400-205	Investigation of agricultural, near-natural and natural sites	Draft FDIS being prepared.
(BS) DIS 18400-206	Sampling for biological assessments	Consultation on DIS completed. Proceeding to FDIS.
OTHER ISO STANDARDS ON SOIL & SITE ASSESSMENT		
(BS) (EN) ISO DIS 11504	Impact of soil contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons	Proceeding to publication (no FDIS will be produced).
BS EN ISO DIS 15175 (REVISION)	Soil & groundwater protection	Comments on DIS dealt with. Text of FDIS being prepared.
BS ISO 15176 (REVISION)	Re-use of excavated soil and soil materials	Revision started under UK leadership (MAS). DIS expected by end of 2017.
BS ISO 15799 (REVISION)	Ecotoxicological characterization of soil & soil materials	Closing date for comments on DIS = 27 November 2017.
ISO 15800 (REVISION)	Human exposure	Revision initiated.
ISO CD 16133	Design of monitoring programmes [for soil quality]	CD comment period ended 24 May.
ISO DIS 17924	Bioavailability of metals in soil to humans	To proceed to FDIS/publication
(BS) ISO 18504	Sustainable remediation	Published September 2017.
BS ISO 18512:2007	Guidance on long & short term storage of samples	May be revised – decision pending
BS EN ISO 19258 (REVISION)	Determination of background values	To proceed to FDIS/publication
CD 21365	Conceptual site models for potentially contaminated sites	Comment resolution held 9 November. Further meeting to be held in New Year.

CD = Committee Draft, DIS = Draft International Standard, FDIS = Final Draft International Standard, NWIP = New Work Item Proposal, WD = Working Draft

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