

**New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
Pit Rule Hearing, January 9, 2013**

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
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Certified Professional Soil Scientist

- **Core: soil genesis/morphology/classification; soil chemistry/mineralogy; soil fertility/nutrient management; soil physics; soil biology/ecology; soils/land use management**
- **Supporting: agricultural sciences; biological/ecological sciences; chemistry/mathematics/physics/statistics, communications, geoscience; human health and land use; and water science.**
- **2 exams: knowledge, professional practice**
- **Experience**

EPA 300.0 Determination of inorganic anions (including chlorides) by ion chromatography

mg/L

mg/kg

Drinking water

Solids (after extraction)

Surface water

Groundwater

Reagent water

Wastewater

Leachates

**EPA 300.0 for Soil Materials
11.7 Extraction**

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graph TD; A([EPA 300.0 for Soil Materials  
11.7 Extraction]) --> B[Oven-dry solids (soil)]; B --> C[Add 10:1 reagent water: mass dry soil]; C --> D[Filter. Collect filtrate for analysis]; D --> E[Analysis: Ion Chromatography (IC)]; E --> F[IC calibrated in mg/L]; F --> G[Convert mg/L to mg/kg using dry mass]; G --> H([Chloride concentration, mg/kg soil]);
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Oven-dry solids (soil)

Add 10:1 reagent water: mass dry soil

Filter. Collect filtrate for analysis

Analysis: Ion Chromatography (IC)

IC calibrated in mg/L

Convert mg/L to mg/kg using dry mass

Chloride concentration, mg/kg soil

EPA SW-846, Method 1312

Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure

- **Determine *mobility* of organic and inorganic analytes present in liquids, soils, and wastes**
- **Liquid- or mixed-phase wastes**

SW 846 – Method 1312

Mixed Phase?

No

Yes

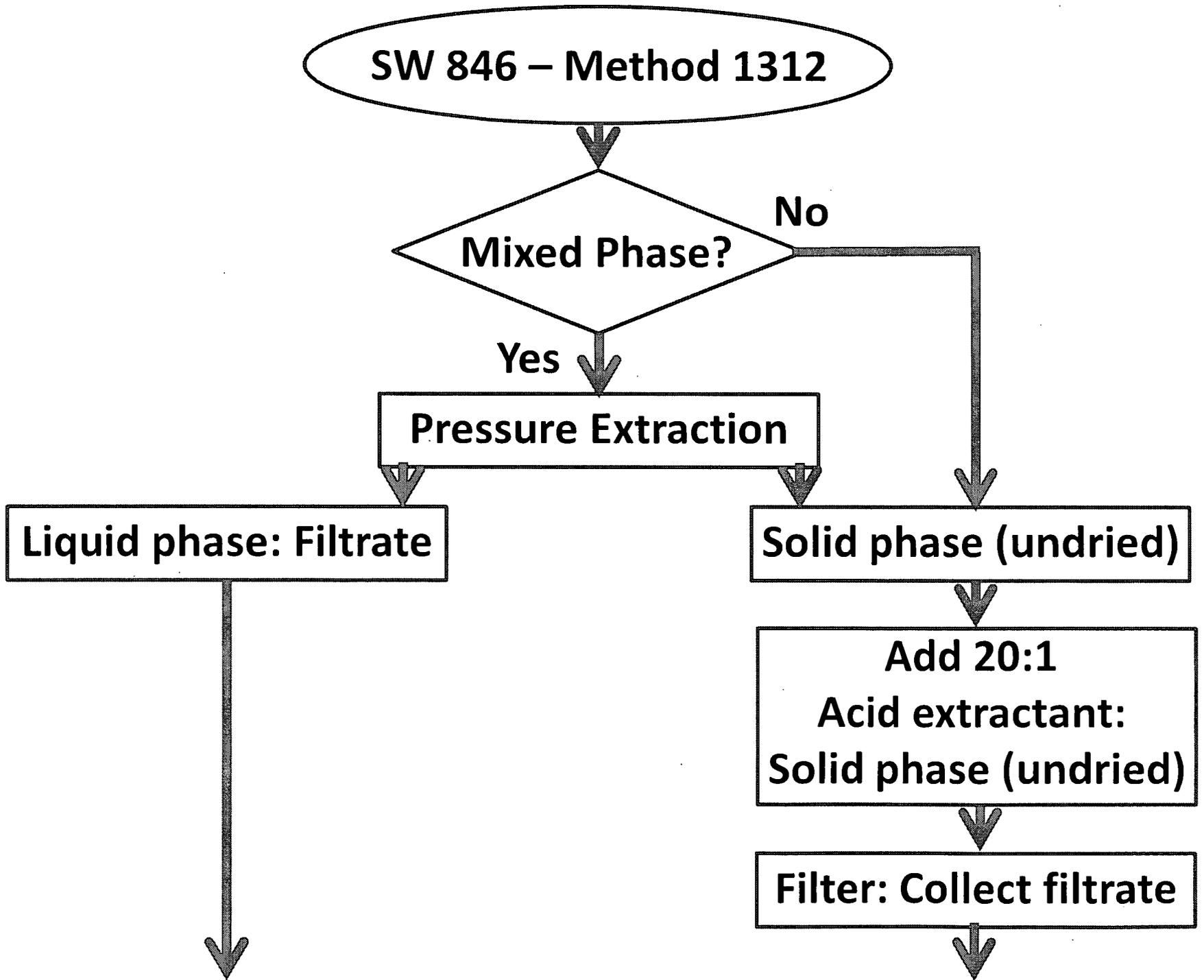
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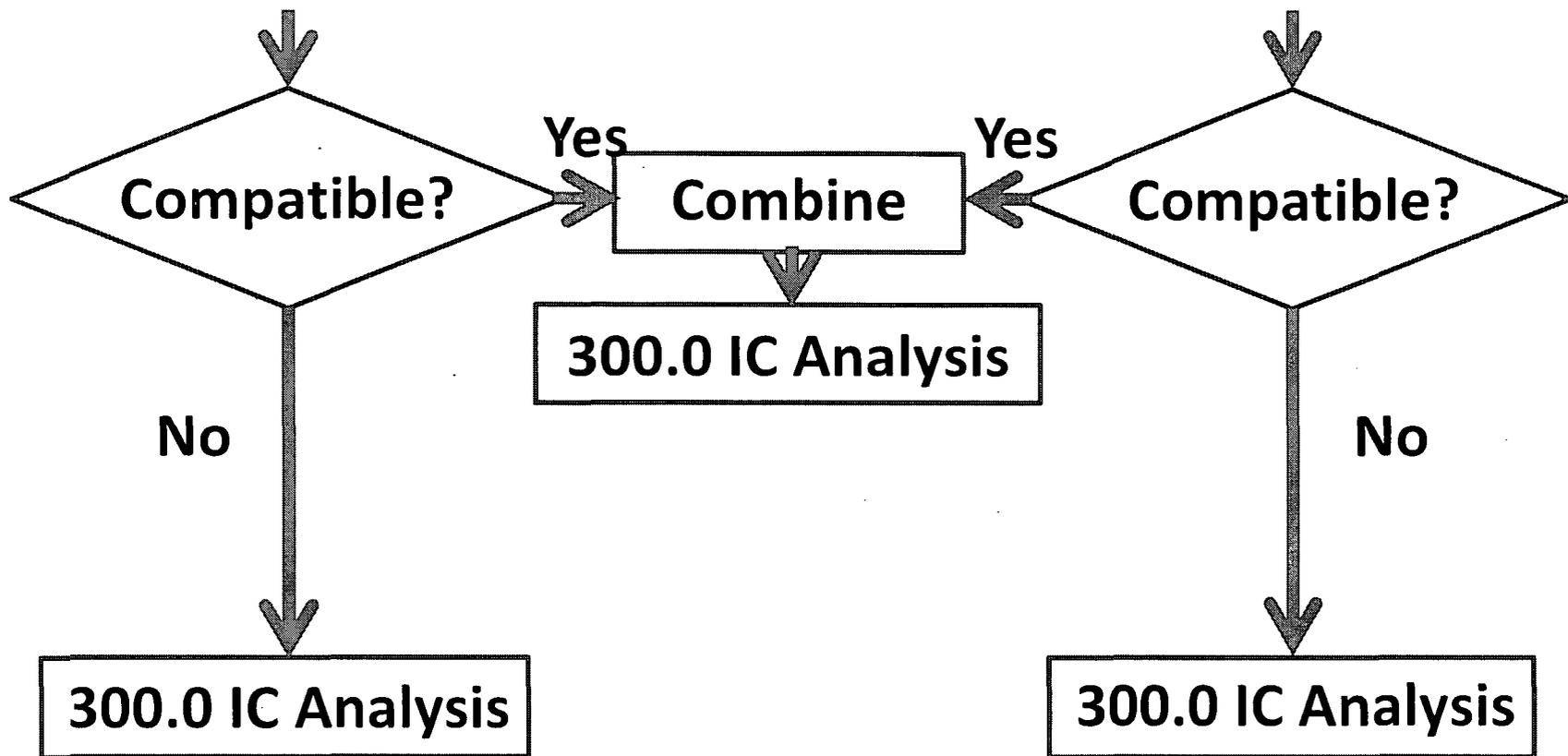
Liquid phase: Filtrate

Solid phase (undried)

**Add 20:1
Acid extractant:
Solid phase (undried)**

Filter: Collect filtrate





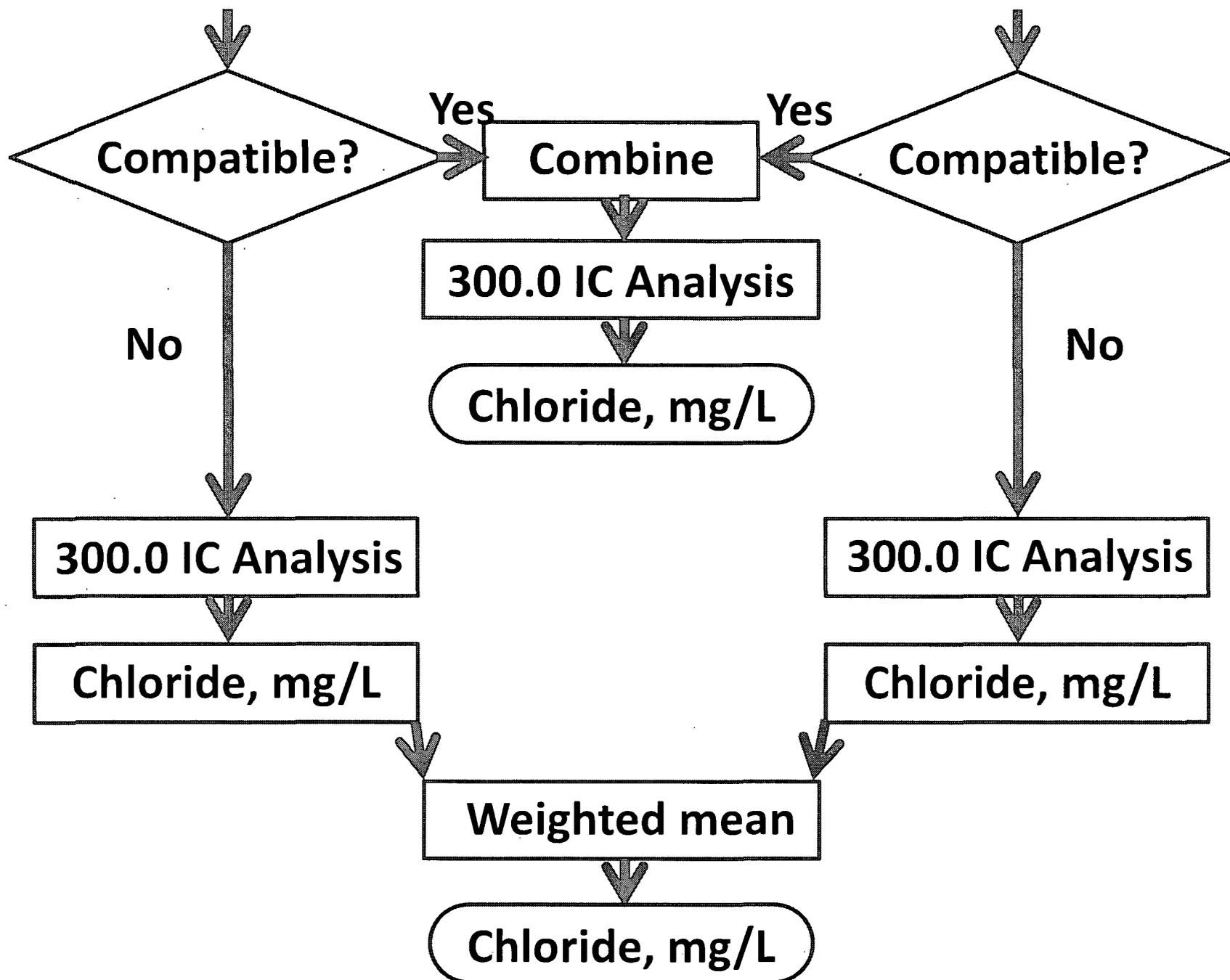
EPA 300.0 Liquids/Filtrates

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Analysis: Ion Chromatography (IC)

IC calibrated in mg/L

Chloride concentration, mg/L



EPA 300.0 vs. SW-846, Method 1312

300.0, Soil

**Dry solid material
(11.7) – dried at
105° C to constant
mass, 12 to 24 h**

**Known dry mass
allows mg/L to mg/kg
conversion.**

1312, Pit Contents

**Solids remain on filter
after pressure filtration
to 50 psi (7.1.1). Water
remains in solids.**

**Method does not
provide dry mass
needed to convert
mg/L to mg/kg**

Determination of inorganic anions by ion chromatography, including Chloride, in

300.0

Drinking water

Surface water

Groundwater

Reagent water

Wastewater

Leachates

Solids (after extraction)

300.1

Finished drinking water

Surface water

Groundwater

Reagent water

EPA 300.0 vs. EPA 300.1

300.0

General purpose

**Solids (dry) extraction
ratio specified,
allows volume to
mass conversion**

300.1

**Specific purpose:
detect lower
concentrations**

***Not intended for
solids, no extraction
ratio specified***

Chloride Methods: Selection and Process

Soil/Materials beneath
Pits & Below-grade Tanks?

No

Wastes left in place
in Temporary Pits and
Burial Trenches

Table II

Yes Table I

EPA 300.0
(Concentration)
mg/kg

SW-846 Method 1312
Extraction + EPA 300.0
(Mobility)
mg/L