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ABSTRACT

As a consequence of their widespread use, titanium dioxide nanoparticles (TiO₂NPs) have been released into the environment where they can act as stressors towards biota. For the assessment of the environmental impact of these NPs it is important to quantitatively determine their concentration, size distribution and the dissolved Ti fraction in different water samples. In the present work, a new analytical approach was applied for sizing and quantitative determination of of TiO₂NPs (anatase and rutile) and dissolved Ti in aqueous samples by the use of single particle inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (SP-ICP-MS). The accuracy of the quantification of TiO₂NPs by SP-ICP-MS was verified by calculating the recoveries between the determined and expected Ti concentrations (90 – 100 %). The size distributions of TiO₂NPs calculated by SP-ICP-MS (108 \pm 10 nm for rutile, 29 \pm 2 nm for anatase) were in a good agreement with data obtained by TEM (96 – 106 nm for Download English Version:

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