

BIODEGRADATION (BOD/COD)

TEST SUBSTANCE

Identity: A mixture containing perfluorooctanesulfonate, which may also be referred to as PFOS, FC-95, or as a component of FC-203. (1-Octanesulfonic acid) (CAS # 2795-39-3).

Remarks: The 3M production lot numbers were not noted. The test sample is FC-203. Current information indicates it is a mixture of 1.34% PFOS, 35% diethylene glycol butyl ether, 37.85% water, 20% ethylene glycol, 2.66 % Sultone foamer, 3% sodium octyl sulfate, 0.1% sodium lauryl sulfate, and 0.05% tolyltriazole.

The following is an abbreviated summary of multiple biodegradation studies on FC-203. These studies apply to a mixture with incompletely characterized concentrations of impurities. Data does not accurately reflect the degradation potential of the fluorochemical component of the test sample.

METHOD:

Method: Various methods, most not noted.

Type: BOD and Dichromate Reflux COD

GLP: No

Year completed: 1973 - 1980

Contact time: 20 days

Inoculum: Seed from various sources.

RESULTS

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) range: 420,000 – 1,070,000 mg/kg

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) range:

5-Day:	206,250 – 560,000 mg/kg
10-Day:	450,000 – 646,875 mg/kg
12-Day:	660,000 – 830,000 mg/kg
15-Day:	426,312 – 604,687 mg/kg
18-Day:	660,000 mg/kg
20-Day:	426,562 – 1,100,000 mg/kg

Remarks: Testing was conducted on the mixture as described in the Test Substance Remarks field. The values reported apply to that mixture and not the fluorochemical proportion alone.

CONCLUSIONS

No reliable conclusions can be derived from these studies. The indication is that the majority of the product components are readily biodegradable.

Submitter: 3M Company, Environmental Laboratory, P.O. Box 33331, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55133

DATA QUALITY

Reliability: Klimisch ranking = 3. Study lacks description and records of the method followed. The inoculum is not properly characterized. The testing was conducted on a mixture with chemicals having varying degrees of biodegradability, leading to potential misinterpretation of the results. The sample purity was not properly characterized and the study lacks analytical confirmation of the amount of fluorochemical proportion in the solution.

REFERENCES

The studies were conducted by the 3M Company, Environmental Laboratory, St. Paul, MN, Lab Request numbers 1940 and 5360S in 1973.

OTHER

Last changed: 6/28/00

PRODUCT ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT
REQUEST FOR LABORATORY WORK

Ref: ENVIR. ASSESS. INQ. # FC-203 Commercial Chem DIVISION
PRODUCT: FC-203
(F-5919, LOT-1)

LAB REQUEST NO. 53605

REQUESTER

Name: Eric Reiner Phone No. 5079
Request Date: 1-24-80
Project No.: _____ Prob. No. _____
Code No.: _____
Sample Date: New Sample to be sent Date Needed: TOC ASAP
Description: Redo BOD/COD Study of FC-203
Purpose of Tests: Previous results are not consistent.
Use new sample

LABORATORY

Date Received Sample: 1-29-80
Analyst: WAS, MR
Date Completed: 2-26-80
Hours Spent: 8 hrs W.A. Schind
Y _____ B _____ P _____
Please Call Requester If Delays Are Encountered.

PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Heat of Combustion Cal/G (BTU/Lb.)
Density
Ash
Other

FC-203
Concentrate

FC-203
3% Solution

WATER POLLUTION

COD - mg/kg {duplicate} X
COD - mg/kg {analysis} X
BOD₅ X
BOD, Ultimate X
TOC % (w/w) X
Density - g/ml X
Oxygen Uptake
Dehydrogenase Activity (TTC)
Other

1,120,000

1,100,000

(SEE BELOW)

27.5

1.04

264,000 mg/l

mg/l COD
1,070,000

0.825
calculated
from concentrate
value. (WAS)

Send a copy of
the TOC Protocol
so it can be sent to
International contact
to show German
government officials
how we do this test.

NOTES: TOC VALUE BASED ON AN AVERAGE
OF FIVE (5) SEPARATE TOC
ANALYSES.

BIOASSAY

Specify Organism and Method:

BOD RESULTS - mg/kg

mg/l
BOD

LEACHATE FROM LEACHING TEST

pH
COD
BOD₅
BOD, Ultimate
TOC
GC
Bioassay
Other

BOD 5 - 560,000

538,000

BOD 12 - 830,000

798,000

BOD 20 - 1,100,000

1,060,000

(see attached worksheets)

OTHER

Bioaccumulation
Persistence
Degradation Products

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Environmental Laboratory
BOD Work Sheet - Samples

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Lab Req. No. 53605		BOD Run No. 80-5	
Analyst	Date Started 1-30-80	5 - Day BOD Readings	
W. A. Schief		Analyst M. Roberts	Date 2/4/80

Sample Description

FC-203 (F-5919, LOT-1)

Initial Dilution	0.250 g of Sample diluted to 250 ml with DI water
Initial Dilution Factor	1000 (Dilution factor = 1 if undiluted)

Bottle No.	Conc. of Sample ¹ (mg/l)	Sample Size ² ml	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Present D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ - D ₂)	Depletion Due To Sample	5 - Day BOD mg/kg	Average 5 - Day BOD mg/kg
99	1.67	0.50	8.95	7.80	1.15	0.81	489,000	569,000
98	3.33	1.0	8.95	6.95	2.00	1.66	498,000	
16	6.67	2.0	8.95	4.55	4.40	4.06	609,000	
23	13.3	4.0	8.90	1.70	7.20	6.87	515,000	
56	26.7	8.0	8.95	<0.5	—	—	—	

- Note:
1. Conc. = Concentration of sample (ml/l or mg/l) in BOD bottles.
 2. Sample Size = ml or g of sample or diluted sample added to BOD Bottle.

Comments

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Environmental Laboratory
BOD Work Sheet - Samples

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Lab Req. No. 5360S		BOD Run No. 80-5	
Analyst		Date Started 1-30-80	12 - Day BOD Readings
W. A. Schuil		Analyst W. A. Schuil	
		Date 2-11-80	

Sample Description

FC-203 (F-5919, LOT-1)

Initial Dilution	0.250 g	of Sample diluted to 250 ml with DI water
Initial Dilution Factor	1000	(Dilution factor = 1 if undiluted)

Bottle No.	Conc. of Sample ¹ (mg/l)	Sample Size ² (ml)	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Percent D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ · D ₂)	Depletion Due To Sample	12 - Day BOD mg/l	Average 12 - Day BOD mg/l
49	1.67	0.50	8.95	7.10	1.85	1.37	822,000	830,000
98	3.33	1.0	8.95	5.80	3.15	2.67	801,000	
16	6.67	2.0	8.95	2.80	6.15	5.67	851,000	
23	13.3	4.0	8.90	<0.5	—	—		
56	26.7	8.0	8.95	—	—	—		

- Note: 1. Conc. = Concentration of sample (ml/l or (mg/l)) in BOD bottles.
2. Sample Size = ml or g of sample or diluted sample added to BOD Bottle.

Comments

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Sample Description		FC-203 (F-5919, LOT-1)	
Initial Dilution	0.250 g	of Sample diluted to	250 ml with DI water
Initial Dilution Factor	1000	(Dilution factor = 1 if undiluted)	

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Comments

*0.50-ml dilution omitted from average BOD value. W. G. Schil
3-26-80

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BOD Work Sheet - Blanks,
Controls, and Standards

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Lab Request No. 5364/53605		BOD Run No. 80-5	
Analyst W.A. Schil		Date Started 1-30-80	
Seed Type & Source Chimney sewage		Seed Concentration 6ml/l	
Analyst M.R. Roberts		Date 2/4/80	

Nonseeded Dilution - Water Blank

SAVE

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (A ₁)	Present D.O. (A ₂)	D.O. Depletion (A ₁ - A ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{A}_1 - \bar{A}_2$)
75	8.95	8.70	0.25	0.2
16	8.90	8.70	0.20	
128	8.90	8.25	0.15	

Seeded Dilution - Water Blank (optional)

SAVE

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (C ₁)	Present D.O. (C ₂)	D.O. Depletion (C ₁ - C ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_2$)
13	8.95	8.60	0.35	0.30
22	8.95	8.70	0.25	
1	8.90	8.60	0.30	

Seed Controls

SAVE

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (B ₁)	Present D.O. (B ₂)	D.O. Depletion (B ₁ - B ₂)
118	20	8.60	6.95	1.65
55	40	8.40	5.10	3.30
68	80	7.75	0.70	7.05

Glucose - Glutamic Acid Standard

SAVE

(207 ± 20% Y/L)

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Present D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ - D ₂)	Depletion Due To Standard	$\frac{5}{BOD}$ - Day	Average $\frac{5}{BOD}$ - Day
115	3.0	8.95	6.70	2.25	2.10	210 191	210 200
3	5.0	8.90	5.30	3.60	3.45	207 195	
90	7.0	8.95	4.00	4.95	4.80	206 192	

correction for nonseeded blank

Potassium Hydrogen Phthalate Standard (optional)

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Present D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ - D ₂)	Depletion Due To Standard	$\frac{5}{BOD}$ - Day	Average $\frac{5}{BOD}$ - Day

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Environmental Laboratory
BOD Work Sheet - Blanks,
Controls, and Standards

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Request No. 53605		BOD Run No. 80-5	
Analyst M. Roberts, W.A. Schuil		Date Started 1-30-80	
Seed Type & Source Channahon sewage		Seed Concentration 6ml/l	
Analyst Wade A. Schuil		Date 2-11-80	

Nonseeded Dilution - Water Blank

SAVE

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (A ₁)	Present D.O. (A ₂)	D.O. Depletion (A ₁ - A ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{A}_1 - \bar{A}_2$)
75	8.95	8.65	0.30	0.23
16	8.90	8.70	0.20	
128	8.90	8.70	0.20	

Seeded Dilution - Water Blank (optional)

SAVE

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (C ₁)	Present D.O. (C ₂)	D.O. Depletion (C ₁ - C ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_2$)
13	8.95	8.45	0.50	0.45
22	8.95	8.55	0.40	
1	8.90	8.45	0.45	

Seed Controls

→ AVE

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (B ₁)	Present D.O. (B ₂)	D.O. Depletion (B ₁ - B ₂)
118	20	8.60	6.05	2.55
55	40	8.40	2.65	5.75
68	80	7.75	< 0.05	-

Glucose - Glutamic Acid Standard

→ AVE

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Present D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ - D ₂)	Depletion Due To Standard	$\frac{12}{\text{BOD}}$ - Day mg/l	Average $\frac{12}{\text{BOD}}$ - Day mg/l
115	3	8.95	6.50	2.45	1.97	197	210
3	5	8.90	4.85	4.05	3.58	215	
90	7	8.95	3.40	5.55	5.08	218	

Potassium Hydrogen Phthalate Standard (optional)

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Present D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ - D ₂)	Depletion Due To Standard	$\frac{12}{\text{BOD}}$ - Day	Average $\frac{12}{\text{BOD}}$ - Day

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b Request No. 53605		BOD Run No. 80-5	
Analyst M. Roberts, W.A. Schief		Date Started 1-30-80	
Seed Type & Source Charlotte sewage		Seed Concentration 601/l	
Analyst U.G. Schief		Date 2-19-80	

Nonseeded Dilution - Water Blank

SAVE

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (A ₁)	Present D.O. (A ₂)	D.O. Depletion (A ₁ - A ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion (A ₁ - A ₂)
75	8.95	8.60	0.35	0.35
16	8.90	8.55	0.35	
128	8.90	8.55	0.35	

Seeded Dilution - Water Blank (optional)

SAVE

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (C ₁)	Present D.O. (C ₂)	D.O. Depletion (C ₁ - C ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion (C ₁ - C ₂)
13	8.95	7.85	1.10	0.983
22	8.95	8.05	0.90	
1	8.90	7.95	0.95	

Seed Controls

→ A/E

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (B ₁)	Present D.O. (B ₂)	D.O. Depletion (B ₁ - B ₂)
118	20	8.60	3.60	5.00
55	40	8.40	< 0.5	
68	80	7.75	—	

Glucose - Glutamic Acid Standard

→ A/E

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Present D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ - D ₂)	Depletion Due To Standard	$\frac{20}{BOD}$ · Day	Average $\frac{20}{BOD}$ · Day
115	3	8.95	4.55	4.40	3.64	364	340
3	5	8.90	2.55	6.35	5.59	336	
90	7	8.95	0.95	8.00	7.25	311	

Potassium Hydrogen Phthalate Standard (optional)

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (D ₁)	Present D.O. (D ₂)	Total D.O. Depletion (D ₁ - D ₂)	Depletion Due To Standard	$\frac{20}{BOD}$ · Day	Average $\frac{20}{BOD}$ · Day

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Meeting

See

Description	Strong C.D. PPM	BOD - PPM						Biological Stability 96 hrs
FC-200 2515	800,000	5-Days 45,000	14-Days 495,000	20-Days 540,000	24-Days 540,000			0.005
FC-200-2036, 2037, 2516	800,000	5-Days 45,000	14-Days 495,000	20-Days 540,000	24-Days 540,000			0.0125
FC-200 2517	800,000	5-Days 45,000	14-Days 495,000	20-Days 540,000	24-Days 540,000			0.010
FC-200 Comp 33111:47	800,000	5-Days 45,000	14-Days 495,000	20-Days 640,000	24-Days 540,000			0.003
FC-200 Premix 6% 30849-19A	48,000	5-Days 18,000	12-Days 33,000	18-Days 33,000		Before Fire		0.062
FC-200-6% 30849-19B	60,000	5-Days 24,000	12-Days 37,500	18-Days 36,000		After Fire		0.025
FC-201 Lot 1	960,000	5-Days 240,000	12-Days 600,000	18-Days 600,000				0.040
FC-203 Lot 4 3%	1,000,000	5-Days 240,000	12-Days 660,000	18-Days 660,000				0.043
AF-3 Lot-11129	480,000	5-Days 180,000	12-Days 300,000	18-Days 300,000				0.028
AF-5 Lot 10663	340,000	5-Days 150,000	12-Days 225,000	18-Days 225,000				0.018
Sipra ols Lot A 40382	560,000	5-Days 420,000	12-Days 450,000	18-Days 450,000				0.012
FC 203 (6%)	779,000	5-Days 0	10 Days 243,000					
FC 200 (Trout)								

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cc: LAB REQUEST BOOK - 42-5W

File: Components FC-203Water and Wastewater

REQUEST FOR LABORATORY WORK

Lab Request No.

1940

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY - BUILDING 53-6N

Requestor

Lab Personnel

Name: BACON Request Date 12/5
 Project No. 717028 Prob. No. 07 Code # 3400
 Description: Samples
 Sample Date: _____ Date Needed: _____
 Hold Sample For _____ Days Est. Time: _____ Hrs.

Date Rec'd. Sample: 11-30-73
 Analyst: Joc Ruiz
 Y 73 B 14 P 166
 Date Completed: 12/2/73
 Hrs. Spent: _____

Sample Description

FC 203FC 203 62Butyl
CarbitalEthylene
GlycolTotal Hardness, mg/l as CaCO₃Calcium Hardness, mg/l as CaCO₃"P" Alkalinity, mg/l as CaCO₃"M" Alkalinity, mg/l as CaCO₃

pH

Sulfate, mg/l as SO₄Nitrate, mg/l as NO₃

Chloride, mg/l as Cl

Silica, mg/l as SiO₂

Fluoride, mg/l as F

Ortho Phosphate, mg/l as P

Total Phosphate, mg/l as P

Total Chromium, mg/l as Cr

Hex. Chromium, mg/l as Cr

Total Cyanide, mg/l as CN

Ferrocyanide, mg/l as CN

Iron, mg/l as Fe

Manganese, mg/l as Mn

Surfactant, mg/l as LAS

Phenol, mg/l

BOD, mg/l *

COD, mg/l (Short, Long Dilute)

Total Suspended Solids, mg/l

Volatile Suspended Solids, mg/l

Turbidity, mg/l Silica

Total Solids, mg/l

Total Volatile Solids, mg/l

Conductivity, mhos

Total Bacteria, No./100 ml

Total Coliform, No./100 ml

Fecal Coliform, No./100 ml

Fecal Streptococcus, No./100 ml

Ammonia Nitrogen, mg/l as N

Kjedahl Nitrogen, mg/l as N

Oil and Grease, mg/l

Tox

Comments:

BOD₅, BOD₁₀, BOD₂₀

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3M Carbonless P

Date: 12/7/73

Dilution Water: 18

Seed: 90 ml

Blanks: 7 7.6, 8 8.4, 9 8.0, 10 8.5 Bk Ave. 8.2

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Blanks: 75.3, 86.8, 96.0, 106.7 Bk Ave. 6.7

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Description	D.O.	Depletion	5 Day BOD
142	.4	BACON	5.4	(1.5)	1125000
143	.8	FC 203	4.2	2.5	937500
144	1.6	870,000	3.5	3.2	600,000
145	3.2	51000	(.7)	6.5	609,375
138	.4	FC 203690	5.9	.8	600,000
137	.8	L-3243	5.0	1.7	637,000
139	1.6	420,000	4.5	2.4	412,000
140	3.2	51000	2.0	4.7	440,625
156	.2	Burlyl Carbide	5.5	1.2	1800000
157	.4	1,826,666	4.5	2.2	1,656,000
158	.8	51000	2.5	4.2	1,575,000
159	1.6		(.7)	6.6	1,237,500
119	.4	ETHYLENE	5.2	1.5	1,125,000
141	.8	Glycol	3.5	3.2	1,200,000
165	1.6	1,280,000	(.9)	5.8	1,087,500
166	3.2	51000	(.7)	6.6	618,750
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20-Day

Pg. 166
T3 14

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING LAB

Date: 10/27/73

Dilution Water: 15.

Seed: 90 ml

BOD WORK SHEET

Blanks: 74.5, 86.1, 95.2, 106.2 Bk Ave. 6.1 1.2

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Description	D.O.	Depletion	5 Day BOD
142	.4	Bacon	4.7	1.4	1050000
143	.8	FC 203	3.8	2.3	862,500
144	1.6	870,000	3.4	3.0	562,500
145	3.2	\$1000	(.2)	5.9	553,25
138	.4	FC 20369	5.4	(7)	625,000
137	.8	L-3243	4.7	1.4	525,000
139	1.6	420,000	4.6	2.1	393,750
140	3.2	\$1000	(7.2)	4.9	459,375
156	.2	Butyl Carbide	5.0	1.1	1650000
157	.4	1,826,666	4.0	2.1	1575000
158	.8	\$1000	1.9	4.2	1575000
159	1.6		(.2)	5.9	1,106,250
119	.4	Ethylene	4.8	1.3	975000
141	.8	Glycol	3.2	2.9	1087,500
165	1.6	1,280,000	(.4)	5.7	1,068,750
166	3.2	\$1000	(.4)	5.9	553,25
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