

ACUTE TOXICITY TO FISH (FATHEAD MINNOW)

TEST SUBSTANCE

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

Remarks: The 3M production lot number was not noted. The test sample is FC-203FC. Current information indicates it is a mixture of 0.85% PFOS, 17% diethylene glycol butyl ether, 74.46% water, 2.34% acrylic foamer, 1.7% alkyl ether sulfate, 2.55% sodium octyl sulfate, 0.12% sodium nitrite, 0.09% sodium molybdate, 0.85% triethanolamine, and 0.04% tolyltriazole.

The following summary applies to a mixture with incompletely characterized concentrations of impurities. Data may not accurately reflect toxicity of the fluorochemical component of the test sample.

METHOD:

Method: OECD Guideline 203

Type: Acute static range-finder

GLP: No

Year completed: 1997

Species: *Pimephales promelas*

Supplier: Aquatic Biosystems, Inc., Fort Collins, CO.

Analytical monitoring: Temperature, pH, and DO.

Exposure period: 96-hours

Statistical methods: Not given.

Test fish age: Juveniles (128-132 days)

Length and weight: Average length = 23 mm
Average weight = 0.09786 g (wet)

Loading: 0.2936 g/L

Pretreatment: None

Test conditions:

Dilution water: Carbon-filtered well water (3M Well #2, St. Paul, MN).

Dilution water chemistry: Not given.

Lighting: Not given.

Stock and test solution preparation: The test material was added directly to the dilution water on a weight/volume basis.

Concentrations dosing rate: Once.

Stability of the test chemical solutions: Not noted.

Exposure vessels: 1.2 L vessels containing 1.0 L test solution.

Number of replicates: One. Blank control duplicated.

Number of fish per replicate: 3.

Number of concentrations: three plus 2 blank controls

Water chemistry during the study:

pH range (0-96 hours):

7.9 – 8.2 (control exposure)

7.9 – 8.1 (1000 mg/L exposure)

Temperature range (0-96 hours): 18.5 °C

Dissolved oxygen range (0-96 hours):

7.8 – 8.5 mg/L (control exposure)

4.7 – 8.7 mg/L (1000 mg/L exposure)

RESULTS

Nominal concentrations: Blank control, 10, 100, and 1000 mg/L

Element values: 96-hour LC₅₀ = >1000 mg/L

Element values based on nominal concentrations

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

The FC-203FC 96-hour LC₅₀ for fathead minnow was determined to be >1000 mg/L.

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DATA QUALITY

Reliability: Klimisch ranking = 3. The study is a range-finding, with limited exposure concentrations and test organisms. There is a lack of documentation. The sample purity was not properly characterized and the study lacks analytical confirmation of the amount of fluorochemical proportion in the solution.

REFERENCES

This study was conducted by the 3M Company, Environmental Laboratory, St. Paul, MN, Lab Request number R1335, 1997.

OTHER

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Loading Rate Data Sheet

Test Substance: FC-203 FC AFFF

Fish #	Weight, (g)	Length, (cm)
1	0.0916	2.4
2	0.0322	1.8
3	0.1233	2.5
4	0.1144	2.5
5	0.0872	2.0
6	0.0942	2.5
7	0.0661	2.2
8	0.0633	2.5
9	0.0964	2.2
10	0.2089	2.6
Average		2.3

Loading Rate Calculation :

Avg. wt. (g.): 0.09786

Std. Dev: 0.0469

No. fish/vessel: 3

Vol./vessel: 1 L

0.29358g. fish 1 L

Loading rate: 0.2936