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TEST SUBSTANCE

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

Remarks: The 3M production lot number was 519. The test sample is FC-203CE. Current information indicates it is a mixture of 1.84% PFOS, 30% diethylene glycol butyl ether, 60.23% water, 2.56% Sultone foamer, 3.1% sodium octyl sulfate, 2.1% polyoxyethylene monooctylphenyl ether, 0.12% sodium lauryl sulfate, and 0.05% tolyltriazole.

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

METHOD:

Method: OECD 201 and ISO/DIS 8692

Type: Acute Static

GLP: No

Year study performed: 1989

Species: *Selenastrum capricornutum*

Source: Originally obtained from ATCC, Rockville, MD, maintained in culture medium at 3M Environmental Laboratory, St. Paul, MN.

Element basis: Algal cell counts (cells/ml).

Exposure period: 96 hours

Statistical Methods: Not given.

Analytical monitoring: pH and temperature.

Test Conditions:

Algal Nutrient Medium: Nutrient medium per OECD 201 and ISO/DIS 8692. This nutrient medium provided all mineral nutrients essential for algal growth and also served as the diluent for all algal operations. The pH of this synthetic algal medium was 7.6 adjusted to 8.3. One hundred mL of this pH-adjusted nutrient concentrate solution was added to 900 mL of Millipore Milli-Q™ water. Final pH 8.3.

Stock and test solution preparation: A 1000 mg/L stock solution was prepared by diluting 1000 mg of test substance in 900 mL of Millipore Milli-Q™ water then adding 100 mL of the pH-adjusted nutrient concentrate solution. Final pH of this stock solution was 7.9. Aliquots were then added directly to dilution water in test vessels to create test solutions.

Exposure vessels: 250 mL Erlenmeyer flasks containing 100 mL test solution and capped with stainless steel closures.

Agitation: Shaken continuously at ~ 100 rpm.

Number of replicates: 3 for the blank controls and 2 for test material treatments

Initial cell loading: 1.0×10^4 cells/mL.

Number of concentrations: five plus a blank control

Lighting: 400 foot-candles from continuous cool-white fluorescent lighting.

Water Chemistry:

pH range (0-96 hours):

8.3 – 9.4 (control exposure)

6.8 – 7.9 (1000 mg/L exposure)

Test temperature (0-96 hours):

24 °C (incubator)

RESULTS

Nominal concentrations: Bk control, 100, 180, 320, 560, and 1000 mg/L

Algal Growth Response at 96 Hours

Nominal Conc., mg/L	Avg. Growth Rate	% Change in Growth Rate
Bk. Control	1.3853	---
100	1.3398	3.3
180	1.2703	8.3
320	1.0891	21
560	1.0129	27
1000	0.8045	42

Element values are based on nominal concentrations.

Reversibility of Growth Inhibition: Not given.

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

CONCLUSIONS

The test substance exhibits a 96-hour percent change in growth rate compared to the control of -42% at the 1000 mg/L treatment.

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

DATA QUALITY

Reliability: Klimisch ranking = 2. This study meets the criteria for quality testing. However, the study lacks information on purity of the test substance 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 G1358-1, 1989.

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ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY
STANDARD NUTRIENT MEDIUM FOR FRESHWATER ALGAE

NUTRIENT	CONCENTRATION IN STOCK SOLUTION	FINAL CONCENTRATION IN TEST SOLUTION
<u>STOCK SOLUTION 1: MACRONUTRIENTS</u>		
NH ₄ Cl	1.5 g/L	15 mg/L
MgCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	1.2 g/L	12 mg/L
CaCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	1.8 g/L	18 mg/L
MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	1.5 g/L	15 mg/L
KH ₂ PO ₄	0.16 g/L	1.6 mg/L
<u>STOCK SOLUTION 2: Fe-EDTA</u>		
FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	80 mg/L	80 ug/L
Na ₂ EDTA·2H ₂ O	100 mg/L	100 ug/L
<u>STOCK SOLUTION 3: TRACE ELEMENTS</u>		
H ₃ BO ₃	185 mg/L	185 ug/L
MnCl ₂ ·4H ₂ O	415 mg/L	415 ug/L
ZnCl ₂	3 mg/L	3 ug/L
CoCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	1.5 mg/L	1.5 ug/L
CuCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	0.01 mg/L	0.01 ug/L
Na ₂ MoO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	7 mg/L	7 ug/L
<u>STOCK SOLUTION 4: NaHCO₃</u>		
NaHCO ₃	50 g/L	50 mg/L

Sterilize stock solutions 1-4 by membrane filtration
(mean pore diameter 0.2 um).

SOLUTION 5: NUTRIENT CONCENTRATE
(Prepare freshly before each test.)

Add 100 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 1;
10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 2;
10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 3;
and 10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 4.

Make up to 1,000 mL with Millipore, Milli-Q water.
Adjust the pH to 8.3 ± 0.2.

SOLUTION 6: STANDARD ALGAL NUTRIENT MEDIUM Diluent & Controls

Add 100 mL of the pH-adjusted Nutrient Concentrate Solution
to 900 mL of Milli-Q water.

REFERENCES:

- (1) OECD 1984. Algal Growth Inhibition Test, 201. In: Guidelines for Testing of Chemicals. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France.
- (2) ISO 1987. Water Quality - Algal Growth Inhibition Test, ISO/DIS 8692. International Organization for Standardization, Geneva, Switzerland.

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STANDARD NUTRIENT MEDIUM FOR FRESHWATER ALGAE

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<u>STOCK SOLUTION 1: MACRONUTRIENTS</u>		
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$\text{MgCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.2 g/L	12 mg/L
$\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.8 g/L	18 mg/L
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.5 g/L	15 mg/L
KH_2PO_4	0.16 g/L	1.6 mg/L
<u>STOCK SOLUTION 2: Fe-EDTA</u>		
$\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	80 mg/L	80 ug/L
$\text{Na}_2\text{EDTA} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	100 mg/L	100 ug/L
<u>STOCK SOLUTION 3: TRACE ELEMENTS</u>		
H_3BO_3	185 mg/L	185 ug/L
$\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	415 mg/L	415 ug/L
ZnCl_2	3 mg/L	3 ug/L
$\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.5 mg/L	1.5 ug/L
$\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.01 mg/L	0.01 ug/L
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<u>STOCK SOLUTION 4: NaHCO_3</u>		
NaHCO_3	50 g/L	50 mg/L

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(Prepare freshly before each test.)

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10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 2;
10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 3;
and 10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 4.

Make up to 1,000 mL with Milli-Q water.
Adjust the pH to 8.3 ± 0.2 . pH 7.6 adj to 8.3

SOLUTION 6: STANDARD ALGAL NUTRIENT MEDIUM FC203CE Stock Soln (1000ug/L)

Add 100 mL of the pH-adjusted Nutrient Concentrate Solution
to 900 mL of Milli-Q (containing 1000 ug/L FC203CE) water.
pH 7.9

REFERENCES:

- (1) OECD 1984. Alga, Growth Inhibition Test, 201. In: Guidelines for Testing of Chemicals. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France.
- (2) ISO 1987. Water Quality - Algal Growth Inhibition Test, ISO/DIS 8692. International Organization for Standardization, Geneva, Switzerland.

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MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	1.5 g/L	15 mg/L
KH ₂ PO ₄	0.16 g/L	1.6 mg/L

STOCK SOLUTION 2: Fe-EDTA

FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O	80 mg/L	80 ug/L
Na ₂ EDTA·2H ₂ O	100 mg/L	100 ug/L

STOCK SOLUTION 3: TRACE ELEMENTS

H ₃ BO ₃	185 mg/L	185 ug/L
MnCl ₂ ·4H ₂ O	415 mg/L	415 ug/L
ZnCl ₂	3 mg/L	3 ug/L
CoCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	1.5 mg/L	1.5 ug/L
CuCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	0.01 mg/L	0.01 ug/L
Na ₂ MoO ₄ ·2H ₂ O	7 mg/L	7 ug/L

STOCK SOLUTION 4: NaHCO₃

NaHCO ₃	50 g/L	50 mg/L
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SOLUTION 5: NUTRIENT CONCENTRATE

(Prepare freshly before each test.)

Add 100 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 1;
10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 2;
10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 3;
and 10 mL of STOCK SOLUTION 4.

Make up to 1,000 mL with Milli-Q water.
Adjust the pH to 8.3 ± 0.2. pH 8.3

SOLUTION 6: STANDARD ALGAL NUTRIENT MEDIUM

FC203CE Stock 1000 mg/L

Add 100 mL of the pH-adjusted Nutrient Concentrate Solution to 900 mL of Milli-Q (containing 1000 mg FC203CE) water. pH 7.5

REFERENCES:

- (1) OECD 1984. Alga, Growth Inhibition Test, 201. In: Guidelines for Testing of Chemicals. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France.
- (2) ISO 1987. Water Quality - Algal Growth Inhibition Test, ISO/DIS 8692. International Organization for Standardization, Geneva, Switzerland.

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FRESHWATER ALGAE GROWTH INHIBITION TEST
ALGAL CELL COUNT, No./mL
HEMOCYTOMETER METHOD*

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TEST DAY 4 (96HR) TEST TYPE AA: 5T DATE 5/7/89
MATERIAL TESTED: FC 203CE (2/21/89) LOT 519
ALGAL SPECIES: Green Algae, Selenastrum capricornutum
ANALYST: Michelle Rabideau

TREATMENT mg/L	TOTAL OF 25 FIELDS COUNTED	No./mL	MEAN $\pm$ SD	pH
<u>BK Control</u>				
I	270	2,700,000		
II	268	2,680,000		
<u>FC 203CE</u>				
1 1-1	258	2,580,000		
2-1	260	2,600,000		
10 1-2	225	2,250,000		
2-2	232	2,320,000		
100 1-3	168	1,680,000		
2-3	170	1,700,000		
1000 1-4	14	170,000		
2-4	14	170,000		

Test Temperature 24°C

* 0.1 mm deep Hemocytometer; area of field 1 x 1 and 0.1 mm deep.

Test methodology conforms with the following two test protocols:
(1) OECD #201 "Alga, Growth Inhibition Test".
(2) US-EPA #EG-8 "Algal Acute Toxicity Test".

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Sample Description

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 ALGAL ASSAY: BOTTLE TEST (AA:BT)
 COMPARISON OF GROWTH RATES

Page 7 of 7Date: 5/7/89Analyst: JSMATERIAL TESTED: MC203 PE (2/21/89) LOT 579ALGAL SPECIES: Freshwater Green Algae, Selenastrum capricornutum

TREATMENT	CELL COUNT 4-DAY	GROWTH RATE ⁽¹⁾ 4-DAY	% CHANGE ⁽²⁾ 4-DAY
BK CONTROL I	2.70×10^6	1.39962	
II	2.428×10^6	1.39775	1.3987
1 mg/L 1-1	2.58×10^6	1.38822	
2-1	2.100×10^6	1.39025	1.3892 - 0.1
10 mg/L 1-2	2.25×10^6	1.35402	
2-2	2.32×10^6	1.36175	1.3549 - 2.9
100 mg/L 1-3	1.68×10^6	1.28102	
2-3	1.70×10^6	1.28395	1.2825 - 8.3
1000 mg/L 1-4	1.7×10^5	0.70832	
2-4	1.7×10^5	0.70835	0.7083 - 49

(1) Specific Growth Rate (u) = $\frac{\ln N_1 - \ln N_0}{t}$

(2) Percent Change in Growth Rate = $\frac{(\text{Control} - \text{Sample})}{\text{Control}} \times 100$

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FRESHWATER ALGAE GROWTH INHIBITION TEST
ALGAL CELL COUNT, No./mL
HEMOCYTOMETER METHOD*

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TEST DAY 4 (9/27/89) TEST TYPE ALA: BT DATE 5/28/89
MATERIAL TESTED: FC203CE (2/21/89) LOT 519
ALGAL SPECIES: Green Algae, Selenastrum capricornutum
ANALYST: Accelle Rabideau

TREATMENT	TOTAL OF 25 FIELDS COUNTED	No./mL	MEAN $\pm$ SD	pH
BK Control I	254	2,540,000		9.3
II	256	2,560,000		9.4
III	255	2,550,000		9.5
FC203CE				
100mg/L 1-1	210	2,100,000		
2-1	215	2,150,000		8.4
150mg/L 1-2	159	1,590,000		
2-2	163	1,630,000		7.9
320mg/L 1-3	76	760,000		
2-3	80	800,000		7.1
500mg/L 1-4	59	590,000		
2-4	56	560,000		6.9
1000mg/L 1-5	24	240,000		
2-5	26	260,000		6.8

Test Temperature 24°C

* 0.1 mm deep Hemocytometer; area of field 1 x 1 and 0.1 mm deep.

Test methodology conforms with the following two test protocols:
(1) OECD #201 "Alga, Growth Inhibition Test"
(2) US-EPA #EC-8 "Algal Acute Toxicity Test"

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Sample Description

ALGAL ASSAY: BOTTLE TEST (AA:BT)
COMPARISON OF GROWTH RATESDate: 5/28/89MATERIAL TESTED: FZ03 CE (2/21/89) LOT 519Analyst: 82ALGAL SPECIES: Freshwater Green Algae, Selenastrum capricornutum

TREATMENT	CELL COUNT 4-DAY	GROWTH RATE ⁽¹⁾ 4-DAY	% CHANGE ⁽²⁾ 4-DAY
Bk Control I	2.54×10^6	1.3843	
II	2.56×10^6	1.3863	} 1.3853
III	2.55×10^6	1.3853	
100mg/L 1-1	2.10×10^6	1.3368	} 1.3398 -3.3
2-1	2.15×10^6	1.3427	
180mg/L 1-2	1.59×10^6	1.2172	} 1.2703 -8.3
2-2	1.63×10^6	1.2734	
320mg/L 1-3	7.6×10^5	1.0827	} 1.0891 -2.1
2-3	8.0×10^5	1.0955	
560mg/L 1-4	5.9×10^5	1.0194	} 1.0129 -2.7
2-4	5.6×10^5	1.0063	
1000mg/L 1-5	2.4×10^5	0.7945	} 0.8045 -4.2
2-5	2.6×10^5	0.8145	

$$(1) \text{ Specific Growth Rate } (u) = \frac{\ln N_1 - \ln N_0}{t}$$

$$(2) \text{ Percent Change in Growth Rate } \% = \frac{(\text{Control} - \text{Sample})}{\text{Control}} \times 100$$