

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-3041. (1-Octanesulfonic acid) (CAS # 2795-39-3).

Remarks: The 3M production lot number was 2300. The test sample is FC-3041 (cc 809-1). Current information indicates it is a mixture of 6% PFOS, 36% diethylene glycol butyl ether, 36.05% water, 12% Sultone foamer, 9% sodium octyl sulfate, 0.55% sodium lauryl sulfate, and 0.4% tolyltriazole.

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

METHOD:

Method: BOD Protocol of EAR (2/29/80).

Type: Aerobic

GLP: No

Year completed: 1981

Contact time: 20 days

Inoculum: Stale sewage, Chemolite, Cottage Grove, MN.

RESULTS

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD):

5-Day:	164,000 – 329,000 mg/kg
12-Day:	645,000 mg/kg
20-Day:	642,000 mg/kg

CONCLUSIONS

No conclusions given.

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DATA QUALITY

Reliability: Klimisch ranking 3. The study lacks description and records of the method followed. The inoculum is not properly characterized. There is no characterization of the test substance purity, and the study lacks analytical confirmation of the amount of fluorochemical proportion in solution. The testing was conducted on a mixture of chemicals having varying degrees of biodegradability, leading to potential misinterpretation of the results.

REFERENCES

This study was conducted by the 3M Company, Environmental Laboratory, St. Paul, MN, Lab Request number 6508S, 1981.

OTHER

Last changed: 6/26/00

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ANALYSIS FORM 1038A

ULTIMATE BOD

BOD 5

BOD 12

BOD 20

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	R
1	CONCENTRATION OF															
2	SAMPLE IN BOD															
3	BOTTLES															

5	8.5 mg/L	329,000	645,000	642,000	} all reported results should be rounded to 2 significant figures.											
7	17 "	278,000	-	-												
9	34 "	164,000	-	-												

RESULTS EXPRESSED IN mg/kg

RESULTS CALCULATED ACCORDING TO SEC. 3.7 OF BOD PROTOCOL (EAR 2/29/80, FORMULA NO. 5.)

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Lab Req. No. 6508 S		BOD Run No. 81-1	
Analyst W. A. Schell		Date Started 2/13/81	
		5 - Day BOD Readings	
		Analyst W. A. Schell	
		Date 2/18/81	

Sample Description FC-3041, LOT 2300, (CC809-1)	
Initial Dilution	0.128 g of Sample diluted to 100 ml with DI water
Initial Dilution Factor	100/0.128 (Dilution factor = 1 if undiluted)

Bottle No.	Conc. of Sample ¹	Sample Size ²	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	Average 5 - Day BOD
22	8.5	2.0	8.75	5.40	3.35	2.80	329,000 mg/kg	
80	17	4.0	8.80	3.50	5.30	4.76	278,000 mg/kg	*
88	34	8.0	8.75	2.60	6.15	5.61	164,000 mg/kg	
64	51	12	8.75	<0.5				
18	68	16	8.75	<0.5				

* Note sliding values.

- 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
COD - ~720,000 mg/kg
Calculation performed according to sec. 3.7 (formula #5) of BOD Protocol, EAR, 2-29-80. Calculation method used seeded dilution H₂O to make seed correction.

BOD TEST RESULTS

2.803666667 TDEP
420.55 x f = BOD
329,000 mg/kg

BOD TEST RESULTS

4.757333333 TDEP
356.8 x f = BOD
278,000 mg/kg

BOD TEST RESULTS

5.614666667 TDEP
210.55 x f = BOD
164,000 mg/kg

Lab Req. No. ♦ 6508 S	BOD Run No. ♦ 81-1
Analyst W. A. Scheil	Date Started 2/13/81
	12 Day BOD Readings
	Analyst W. A. Scheil
	Date 2/25/81

Sample Description	FC-3041, LOT 2300 (CC809-1)
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Initial Dilution	0.128	of Sample diluted to	100	ml with DI water
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Initial Dilution Factor	$\frac{100}{8.138}$	(Dilution factor = 1 if undiluted)
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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

COO - ~720,000 mg/kg

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BOD Work Sheet - Blanks,
Controls, and Standards

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Protocol Reference: EAR, 2-29-80

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Lab Request No. 6508 S (original)		BOD Run No. 81-1	
Analyst W. A. Scheil		Date Started 2-13-81	5 - Day BOD Readings
Seed Type & Source Stale sewage, Chemolite	Seed Concentration 6.0 ml/l	Analyst W. A. Scheil	Date 2-18-81

Nonseeded Dilution - Water Blank

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (A ₁)	Present D.O. (A ₂)	D.O. Depletion (A ₁ - A ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{A}_1 - \bar{A}_2$)
9	8.80	8.40	0.40	0.383
85	8.80	8.40	0.40	
22	8.80	8.45	0.35	

Seeded Dilution - Water Blank (optional)

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (C ₁)	Present D.O. (C ₂)	D.O. Depletion (C ₁ - C ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_2$)
1	8.80	8.25	0.55	0.55
118	8.80	8.25	0.55	
7	8.85	8.30	0.55	

Seed Controls

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (B ₁)	Present D.O. (B ₂)	D.O. Depletion (B ₁ - B ₂)
2	20	8.50	5.90	3.60
3	40	8.05	3.05	5.00
14	80	7.15	<0.5	—
81	160	5.55	<0.5	—

Glucose - Glutamic Acid Standard

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	5 - Day BOD	Average 5 - Day BOD
13	3.0	8.80	6.35	2.45	1.91	191	200 mg/l
123	5.0	8.75	4.90	3.85	3.31	199	
120	7.0	8.65	3.50	5.15	4.61	198	

→ Bottle #13 had an air bubble in it at day-5.

Potassium Hydrogen Phthalate Standard (optional)

Seeded dilution water blanks with nitrification inhibitor added (~0.1g/300 ml, HACH Formula 2533)

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 Ave.	5 - Day BOD	Average 5 - Day BOD
8		8.80	8.30	0.50	0.47		
84		8.80	8.30	0.50			
78		8.75	8.35	0.40			

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Protocol Reference: EAR, 2-29-80

Lab Request No. 6508 S (original)	BOD Run No. 81-1
Analyst W. A. Schiel	Date Started 2-13-81
Seed Type & Source State Sewage, Chemnitz	Seed Concentration 6.0 ml/l
Analyst W. A. Schiel	Date 2/25/81

Nonseeded Dilution - Water Blank

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (A ₁)	Present D.O. (A ₂)	D.O. Depletion (A ₁ - A ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{A}_1 - \bar{A}_2$)
9	8.80	8.20	0.60	0.60
85	8.80	8.15	0.65	
22	8.80	8.25	0.55	

Seeded Dilution - Water Blank (optional)

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (C ₁)	Present D.O. (C ₂)	D.O. Depletion (C ₁ - C ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_2$)
1	8.80	7.90	0.90	0.85
118	8.80	7.95	0.85	
7	8.85	8.00	0.85	

Seed Controls

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (B ₁)	Present D.O. (B ₂)	D.O. Depletion (B ₁ - B ₂)
2	20	8.50	4.85	3.65
3	40	8.05	1.15	6.90
14	80	7.15	—	—
81	160	5.55	—	—

Glucose - Glutamic Acid Standard

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	12 - Day BOD	Average 12 - Day BOD
13	3.0	8.80	5.70	3.10	2.26	226	230
123	5.0	8.75	4.05	4.70	3.86	232	
120	7.0	8.65	2.45	6.20	5.37	230	

Potassium Hydrogen Phthalate Standard (optional)

Seeded dilution water blanks with nitrification inhibitor added (~0.1g/300 ml, HACH Formula 2533)

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	12 - Day BOD	Average 12 - Day BOD
8		8.80	8.05	0.75	AVE. Depletion 0.70		
84		8.80	8.10	0.70			
78		8.75	8.10	0.65			

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Protocol Reference: EAR, 2-29-80

Lab Request No. 65083 (original)		BOD Run No. 81-1	
Analyst W. A. Scheil		Date Started 2-13-81	
Seed Type & Source Stale Sewage, Chemolite		Seed Concentration 6.0 ml/l	
Analyst J. P. Gane		Date 3-05-81	
20 - Day BOD Readings			

Nonseeded Dilution - Water Blank

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (A ₁)	Present D.O. (A ₂)	D.O. Depletion (A ₁ - A ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{A}_1 - \bar{A}_2$)
9	8.80	8.00	0.80	0.767
85	8.80	8.00	0.80	
22	8.80	8.10	0.70	

Seeded Dilution - Water Blank (optional)

Bottle No.	Initial D.O. (C ₁)	Present D.O. (C ₂)	D.O. Depletion (C ₁ - C ₂)	Average D.O. Depletion ($\bar{C}_1 - \bar{C}_2$)
1	8.80	7.40	1.40	1.28
118	8.80	7.50	1.30	
7	8.85	7.70	1.15	

Seed Controls

Bottle No.	Sample Size	Initial D.O. (B ₁)	Present D.O. (B ₂)	D.O. Depletion (B ₁ - B ₂)
2	20	8.50	< 0.50	—
3	40	8.05	—	—
14	80	7.15	—	—
81	160	5.55	—	—

Glucose - Glutamic Acid Standard

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	20 - Day BOD	Average 20 - Day BOD
13	3.0	8.80	3.30	5.50	4.23	423	340
123	5.0	8.75	2.10	6.60	5.39	323	
120	7.0	8.65	1.15	7.50	6.25	268	

Potassium Hydrogen Phthalate Standard (optional)

Seeded dilution water blanks with nitrification inhibitor added (~0.1g/300 ml, HACH Formula 2533)

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 AUG.	20 - Day BOD	Average 20 - Day BOD
8		8.80	7.70	1.10	1.08		
84		8.80	7.65	1.15			
78		8.75	7.75	1.00			