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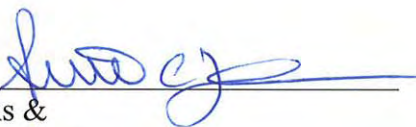
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Aquatic Bioassay's Biologists and Oceanographers have been performing Aquatic Bioassays and Marine Monitoring Surveys since 1971. We are fully equipped to perform all freshwater or marine, acute or chronic bioassays on hazardous wastes, wastewater, drilling fluids, or benthic sediments in compliance with NPDES, ASTM, USEPA/COE, or DOHS regulations. With over 130 bioassay clients in California and other states, we are one of the most successful bioassay laboratories on the West Coast.

The Aquatic Bioassay Team has a reputation for being able to accomplish projects after others have failed. In short, we will provide a bioassay or marine monitoring program that is cost effective, of the highest quality possible, and with a responsiveness that is totally unique to this company.

## 2. COMPANY BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

From 1976, Thomas (Tim) Mikel served as Chief Biologist and subsequent Laboratory Director of CRL Environmental (formerly Jacobs Environmental). Immediately following the takeover of CRL Environmental by Enseco, Inc. in 1988, Mr. Mikel broke out on his own and formed Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting Laboratories, Inc.

Within less than a year, the Company had won a six-year receiving water monitoring program for the City of Oxnard, the largest municipal program in central California. This was followed almost immediately by long term monitoring projects for Chevron at Carpinteria and at Gaviota, and a current meter study for a Texaco offshore oil platform near Point Conception. Following the initiation of the Oxnard monitoring project, Mr. Mikel designed two acute and two chronic bioassay laboratories.

At the present time, Aquatic Bioassay performs acute and chronic, freshwater and marine bioassays for over 100 laboratories, municipalities, consultants, and industries throughout the state, and is one of the most highly regarded aquatic bioassay laboratories in California.

### 3. FACILITIES

#### 3.1. LABORATORIES

Aquatic Bioassay occupies a 5000 square-foot building in Ventura, California. The facility is divided into three bioassay incubator rooms, a bioassay laboratory, a marine monitoring laboratory, and a video microscopy laboratory (Figure 3-1). A complete list of laboratory equipment is included in Table 3-1.

Marine Incubator Room. Aquatic bioassay supports three bioassay incubators maintained at 15, 20, and 25 deg C. The coldest room is used for conducting most marine acute and chronic bioassays and houses a 500 gallon seawater holding tank, 0.2 micron water filtration system, and three 50 gallon holding tanks for adult marine species. Tests include acute bioassays (crangon shrimp, speckled sanddabs, and three-spine sticklebacks), chronic bioassays (sea urchin fertilization, abalone development, and kelp spore germination and growth), and sediment and drill mud bioassays.

Acute Freshwater Incubator Room. The 20 deg C room is used for hazardous waste bioassays (DOHS, Title 22) and freshwater NPDES wastewater bioassays using adult fathead minnows.

Chronic Freshwater Incubator Room. The 25 deg C room is used for freshwater chronic bioassays, including the fathead minnow larval survival and growth test, the *Ceriodaphnia* survival and reproduction test, and the *Selenastrum* algae growth test. The marine silversides minnow survival and growth test is also conducted in this incubator.

Bioassay Laboratory. This laboratory houses instruments and supplies needed for measuring freshwater and marine chronic species. Equipment includes light tables, a Coulter Counter, analytical balances, water baths, drying ovens, and deionized water system with a final bank of water polishing cartridge.

Marine Monitoring Laboratory. The marine monitoring laboratory is designed for the evaluation of ocean water, sediments, and biota. Equipment includes glassware and instruments for measuring suspended solids, oil and grease, ammonia, turbidity, and coliform bacteria in marine waters; a series of brass screens and shaker device for the measurement of grain size in sediments; and microscopes, light tables, videos, and a complete taxonomic library for the identification of benthic and pelagic marine organisms.

Video Microscopy Laboratory. This laboratory is used for the counting and evaluation of most marine chronic bioassays. To reduce fatigue and improve accuracy, a bank of three inverted microscopes has been fitted with high resolution video cameras connected to video screens.

### 3.2. TEMPERATURE AND LIGHT CONTROL

Temperature control for both chronic and acute bioassay laboratories are conducted by forced-air heating and air conditioning units specially designed for laboratory purposes. The computerized thermostat adjusts the temperatures in these laboratories every two seconds. The lower temperatures for the marine species, however, required a more innovative approach. The marine incubator and holding area were thoroughly insulated and converted into a walk-in refrigerator. A compressor on the roof of the building runs a refrigeration unit mounted in the room. This keeps the temperature range within less than one degree of 15 Centigrade. In order to keep this area dry, dehumidifiers are in operation at all times.

The light regime for all incubators and holding areas is 16 hours light and 8 hours dark at an intensity of  $50 \pm 5$  microeinsteins.

### 3.3. FRESH AND MARINE WATER SOURCES

Two completely independent, large capacity deionizing units serve the laboratory. This redundancy assures that deionized water is always available. For chronic dilution waters, the deionized water is further refined to the equivalent of a Millipore Milli-Q System: two ion-exchange cartridges followed by carbon and organic clean-up cartridges.

Marine bioassay dilution water is either local coastal water or water collected in the open ocean near Anacapa Island. Seawater is collected into a plastic 500-gallon tank mounted on a trailer. Water is then transferred to our 500-gallon seawater storage tanks housed in our 15 deg C marine holding area. Before use, the water is pumped through activated carbon, 1 micron, 0.45 micron, and 0.20 micron filters.

### 3.4. TEST ORGANISMS: SOURCES, CULTURING AND HOLDING

Test organisms for aquatic bioassays are either collected locally or obtained from a licensed supplier. Purple sea urchins, and giant kelp are obtained from Proteus Sea Farms in Oxnard, California, Kim Siewers in Santa Cruz, California or Dave Guttoff in San Diego, California. Abalone spawners are obtained from the Cultured Abalone in Goleta, California or US Abalone in Davenport, California. Adult fathead minnows are obtained from Thomas Fish Company in Anderson, California. Other adult marine fish and invertebrates are obtained from various suppliers including, Brezina and Associates in Dillon Beach, California, Northwestern Aquatics in Oregon, and Aquatic Research Organisms in Hampton, NH. Fathead and silversides minnow larvae are obtained from Aquatic Research Organisms in Hampton, NH and *Ceriodaphnia* and *Selenastrum* populations are cultured in house.



For adult organisms 50, 65, and 100 gallon fiberglass tanks are utilized as holding aquaria. Freshwater holding water is made up from reagent grade chemicals in deionized water. Seawater holding water is made from either natural coastal water filtered through a 0.2 micron filter (see above) or standard sea salts dissolved in deionized water. Water is recirculated in each holding tank through a fiberglass filter, an activated carbon filter, and a gravel or crushed coral trickling filter specially designed for these holding tanks.

Holding waters and animal conditions are monitored daily. This includes monitoring of dissolved oxygen and temperature as well as indicating daily feeding and noting any behavioral anomalies. In addition, the temperature of the shipping is recorded upon arrival to verify that the organisms are not subject to temperature changes of more than 3° C in a 12-hour period. Also, at a minimum of once per week, ammonia, salinity (for seawater), and temperature are checked in each holding tank. Also weekly, tanks are cleaned of detritus and 50% of the water is changed. Dead or unhealthy looking organisms are always removed immediately.

### 3.5. DATA ANALYSIS CAPABILITIES

Aquatic Bioassay is equipped with several IBM compatible personal and lap top computers. Programs include Excel, Word, ToxCalc, NCSS, IGODS and StatMost.

Aquatic Bioassay reports typically include a signed cover letter with the final results, error bar charts showing means and standard deviations for all concentrations, chemical analysis table, raw data table, and statistical data sheet. Example of completed freshwater and marine chronic bioassay reports are included in Appendix 9.1.

## 4. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

### 4.1. DESCRIPTION OF STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to staff biologists and technicians, three key members of the Aquatic Bioassay team are directly responsible for the bioassay program. Mr. Thomas (Tim) Mikel is the owner and president. Mr. Johnson serves as Laboratory Director, directly supervising all staff during the whole bioassay program. He remains in constant communication with the Laboratory Manager, Mr. Machuzak who also serves as the Laboratories' QA/QC Officer.

### 4.2. EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE OF KEY PERSONNEL

Complete resumes of the five key team members are included as Appendix 9.2. The following bioparagraphs summarize their experience.

**Mr. Thomas (Tim) Mikel** is the owner and president of Aquatic Bioassay. His 20 years of experience have included Laboratory Directorships of CRL Environmental, Jacobs Laboratory, and the Santa Barbara Underseas Foundation. He has held Senior Marine Biologist positions for PJB Laboratories and the U.S. Department of the Interior. He designed the Ecological Restoration Project of Upper Newport Bay and was the Biological Coordinator of the Anacapa Island Underwater Nature Trail. Mr. Mikel has been Project Manager for scores of marine surveys in Central and Southern California. He is a frequent speaker for workshops in the field of environmental biology and has developed and published bioassay techniques being used in California today. He is biographed in Who's Who in America and American Men and Women in Science. He is the Chair of the Methods Committee of the Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group and is the Mollusk Bioassay Section Chair for the 20th Edition of *Standard Methods*. Mr. Mikel holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Marine Biology from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and University of California, Santa Barbara, respectively.

**Mr. Scott Johnson** is the Director of Aquatic Bioassay and Project Manager for all Oceanographic and Aquatic Biology field projects. In addition, he is responsible for for all ocean and freshwater monitoring and laboratory operations, environmental assessments, toxicity reporting and environmental consulting. He is responsible for the NPDES marine monitoring programs for the largest municipal dischargers on the central California coast including the cities of Oxnard, Goleta, Santa Barbara, Avalon, and San Luis Obispo. Mr. Johnson was promoted from Water Biologist to Supervisor, then finally to Manager of the Biology Laboratories for the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division. He was responsible for all facets of the City's Santa Monica Bay and Los Angeles River NPDES monitoring programs including water quality, bacteriology, benthic ecology, toxicity testing, reporting and permit negotiations. Mr. Johnson was chairperson of the Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group Policy Committee for four years and has numerous scientific papers and presentations to his credit. Mr. Johnson holds both a Masters and Bachelors degrees in Biology (minor in Chemistry) from California State University, Long Beach.

**Mr. Michael Machuzak** is responsible for the coordination of all acute and chronic bioassays at *Aquatic Bioassay*. He was the Biological Director of Ab Lab, CRL Environmental, and Jacobs Laboratories and authored several original papers on marine bioassays and aquaculture. Mr. Machuzak is member of the *Field Sampling and Logistics Committee for the Southern California Bight Project-Bight 1998*. He received his technical education at Eastern Kentucky University and University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Ms. Karin Wisenbaker** conducts and supervises microbiological testing with IDEXX. Assists in report preparation, set-up and analysis, client interface and quality control. Ms. Wisenbaker holds a B.S. in Environmental Biology from California State University Northridge.

**Ms. Beth Maturino** conducts and supervises bioassay testing in our laboratory and is responsible for quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC). Ms. Maturino is a member of the *Microbiology Group* for the *Southern California Bight Project, Bight '98*.

**Mr. Joe Freas** responsible for chronic and acute, freshwater and marine bioassays. Assists in bioassay report preparation, set-up and analysis, client interface and quality control. Mr. Freas is also responsible for new toxicity testing method development and implementation. Mr. Freas hold a B.S. in Biology from California State University Channel Islands.

### 4.3. LABORATORY CERTIFICATIONS

Aquatic Bioassay is certified by the Department of Health Services for Aquatic Toxicity Bioassays for Hazardous Waste and all NPDES bioassay methods. As well as microbiological testing of recreational waters. Our complete laboratory certification is included in Appendix 9.4. Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting, Inc. participates in the DMR-QA studies as well as annual WP studies.

## 5. TEST SPECIES UTILIZED FOR BIOASSAY TESTING

| <u>ORGANISM</u>  | <u>TEST TYPE</u> | <u>REFERENCES</u>     |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Freshwater Species</b>                                    |                  |                       |
| Fathead minnows<br>( <i>Pimephales promelas</i> )            | Acute, Chronic   | 1,2,3,4,10,11, 16, 17 |
| Rainbow trout<br>( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> )              | Acute            | 1,2,3,11, 16          |
| Water fleas<br>( <i>Ceriodaphnia, Daphnia spp.</i> )         | Acute, Chronic   | 4,11, 16, 17          |
| Green algae<br>( <i>Selenastrum capricornutum</i> )          | Chronic          | 4, 17                 |
| <b>Estuarine/Marine Species</b>                              |                  |                       |
| Three-spine stickleback<br>( <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus</i> ) | Acute            | 1,2,3                 |
| Silversides minnow<br>( <i>Menidia beryllina</i> )           | Acute, Chronic   | 6,11, 16, 17          |
| Topsmelt<br>( <i>Atherinops affinis</i> )                    | Chronic          | 8                     |
| Atlantic mysid<br>( <i>Mysidopsis bahia</i> )                | Acute, Chronic   | 5,6,11,13, 16         |
| Giant kelp<br>( <i>Macrocystis pyrifera</i> )                | Chronic          | 8                     |
| Red abalone<br>( <i>Haliotis rufescens</i> )                 | Chronic          | 8                     |
| Sea urchins<br>( <i>Strongylocentrotus spp.</i> )            | Chronic          | 8                     |
| Sand dollar<br>( <i>Dendraster excentricus</i> )             | Chronic          | 8                     |
| Amphipod<br>( <i>Eohaustorius spp.</i> )                     | Acute            | 15                    |
| Bivalves<br>( <i>Mytilus, Tellina spp.</i> )                 | Acute, Chronic   | 5,8,9                 |
| Polychaetes<br>( <i>Nephtys, Neanthes spp.</i> )             | Acute, Chronic   | 5,14                  |

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## 6. RECENT BIOASSAY CLIENTS

*Aquatic Bioassay* Biologists have performed tens of thousands of bioassays since 1976 and currently conduct tests for 10 of the 12 Regional Water Quality Control Board Districts in California, making us one of the most experienced group of bioassay biologists in the State. Highlights of some of our work are described below:

**Marine Acute and Chronic Bioassays.** *Aquatic Bioassay* Biologists were the first commercial group of scientists to successfully perform the chronic abalone larval bioassay designed by the California Department of Fish and Game. Our testing organisms include mysid shrimp, silversides minnows, topsmelt, sea urchins, abalone, bivalves, kelp, and amphipods. *Aquatic Bioassay* has been conducting side-by-side multi-species studies for such groups as NRG Energy (three Southern California power plants), AERA, SWARS, Chevron, Pacific Operators Offshore, Orange County Sanitation Districts, San Luis Obispo County, Cities of Oxnard, Avalon, Pismo Beach, Monterey, Marina del Rey, Summerland, Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, the Southern California Bight Projects, (Bight 98 and Bight 03), and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**Freshwater Acute and Chronic Bioassays.** *Aquatic Bioassay* routinely conducts freshwater and marine chronic tests for Los Angeles County, Cities of Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, Ojai, Ventura, Lompoc, Moorpark, Riverside, County of Orange Environmental Resources Division, Victor Valley, Santa Barbara, , Burbank, Beaumont, Yuba City, Valley Sanitation District, as well as Fallbrook Public Utilities, Encina Wastewater Authority. Test species include fathead minnows, green algae, rainbow trout, water fleas, and other daphnids.

**Sediment and Drilling Fluid Bioassays.** After conducting numerous suspended phase, solid phase, and bioaccumulation sediment bioassays, *Aquatic Bioassay* Biologists published the only procedure applicable for Pacific Ocean mysid shrimps (M.J. Machuzak and T.K. Mikel, *Drilling Fluid Bioassays Using Pacific Ocean Mysid Shrimp, Acanthomysis sculpta, a Preliminary Introduction in Aquatic Toxicity and Hazard Assessment*, 10th Vol. ASTM STP 971). Clients have included the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Southern California Bight Project, Larry Walker Associates, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Chevron, Exxon, Shell Oil, Torch Operations, the U.S. Navy, Burns and McDonnell, San Diego Harbor, County of Orange Environmental Resources Division, and the City of Oxnard.

## 6.1. RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

### PROJECTS

Our Laboratory Director has been conducting bioassays since 1976. Aquatic Bioassay has performed thousands of tests since 1988, making it one of the most experienced bioassay laboratories in California. A list of clients is included in Table 6-1, and several projects are described below:

**DynCorp.** Dr. Robert Brent, 703-461-2401, Aquatic Bioassay participated in acute and chronic toxicity testing for the EPA for WET interlaboratory studies in 1998. Aquatic Bioassay was selected as one of nine laboratories nationwide to participate as an EPA sponsored laboratory.

**Southern California Bight Project, (Bight 98, Bight 03 and Bight 08).** Dr. Steve Weisberg, SCCWRP, 714-894-2222, During the summers of 1998, 2003 and 2008, Aquatic Bioassay conducted marine sediment bioassays on numerous samples from sites within the Southern California Bight.

**NRG Energy.** Mr. Alex Sanchez, 310-529-3280, Since 1995, Aquatic Bioassay has been conducting chronic and acute marine bioassays for Long Beach and El Segundo power stations.

**Pacific Gas & Electric.** Mr. Jim Kelly, 805-545-3194, In June of 1997 we began performing chronic toxicity bioassays for four PG&E power plants on effluent and influent water samples.

**County of Orange Environmental Resources Division,** Mr. Bruce Moore, 714-567-6373, Aquatic Bioassay conducts marine and freshwater acute and chronic toxicity tests for the County of Orange Environmental Resources Division.

Other long-term marine chronic programs include: Pacific Gas and Electric, City of Oxnard, City of San Luis Obispo, City of Avalon, City of Pismo Beach, City of Monterey, City of Santa Barbara, Montecito Sanitation District, Summerland, Chevron at Gaviota, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Phillips Petroleum at Santa Maria, and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board,



TABLE 6-1. COMPLETE LIST OF AQUATIC BIOASSAY CLIENTS.

**Municipalities and Government**

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| City of Avalon                   | Avalon, Ca.          |
| Cen. Coast RWQCB                 | San Luis Obispo, Ca. |
| City of Camarillo                | Camarillo, Ca.       |
| City of Carpinteria              | Carpinteria, Ca.     |
| Elsinore Municipal               | Lake Elsinore, Ca.   |
| Las Virgenes Muni. Water Dist.   | Calabasas, Ca.       |
| City of Lompoc                   | Lompoc, Ca.          |
| City of Los Angeles              | Playa Del Rey, Ca.   |
| County of Los Angeles            | Whittier, Ca.        |
| Marina Del Rey Harbor            | Marina Del Rey, Ca.  |
| Montecito Sanitary District      | Montecito, Ca.       |
| Moorpark San. Dist.              | Moorpark, Ca.        |
| Ojai Valley Sanitation Dist.     | Ojai, Ca.            |
| City of Oxnard                   | Oxnard, Ca.          |
| City of Pismo Beach              | Pismo Beach, Ca.     |
| City of San Luis Obispo          | San Luis Obispo, Ca. |
| City of Santa Barbara            | Santa Barbara, Ca.   |
| City of Santa Paula              | Santa Paula, Ca.     |
| City of Simi Valley              | Simi Valley, Ca.     |
| Summerland Sanitation District   | Summerland, Ca.      |
| South San Luis Obispo San. Dist. | Oceano, Ca.          |
| City of Thousand Oaks            | Thousand Oaks, Ca.   |
| Valley Sanitation Dist.          | Indio, Ca.           |
| City of Ventura                  | Ventura, Ca.         |
| Victor Valley Water Reclaim.     | Victorville, Ca.     |
| Yuba City San. Dist.             | Yuba City, Ca.       |

**Industries**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| American Fruit Processing | Pacoima, Ca.    |
| Baxter Healthcare         | McGaw Park, Il. |
| Chevron USA               | Gaviota, Ca.    |
| CMS Generating Station    | Imperial, Ca.   |
| Dexter Electronics        | Industry, Ca.   |
| NRG Energy                | El Segundo, Ca. |

**Laboratories and Consultants**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| A&L Western Laboratories       | Modesto, Ca.     |
| Applied Environmental Tech.    | Ventura, Ca.     |
| American Environmental Testing | Los Angeles, Ca. |
| American Analytical            | Chatsworth, Ca.  |
| ANLAB                          | Sacramento, Ca.  |
| Applied P & Ch Laboratory      | Pomona, Ca.      |
| Babcock Laboratories           | Riverside, Ca.   |

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| BC Analytical              | Anaheim, Ca.          |
| Best Environmental         | Garden Grove, Ca.     |
| BSK Analytical             | Fresno, Ca.           |
| Cal Sciences               | Garden Grove, Ca.     |
| Creek Environmental        | San Luis Obispo, Ca   |
| Curtis and Thompkins       | Berkeley, Ca.         |
| Envirochem                 | Pomona, Ca.           |
| FGL Environmental          | Santa Paula, Ca.      |
| FGL Environmental          | Stockton, Ca.         |
| Montgomery Laboratories    | Pasadena, Ca.         |
| Orange Coast Environmental | Tustin, Ca.           |
| URS Consultants            | San Francisco, Ca.    |
| West Coast Environmental   | Ventura, Ca.          |
| West Coast Analytical      | Santa Fe Springs, Ca. |
| Zymax Envirotechnology     | San Luis Obispo, Ca.  |

## 7. DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES, ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

The management and staff of Aquatic Bioassay and Consulting are committed to providing services that are scientifically valid, legally defensible and of known precision and accuracy in order to meet or exceed the definitions and expectations of quality of our clients. To the extent possible, data are reported only if all quality control measures for a particular test are acceptable. In order to determine the validity of a test all acceptability criteria specified in the associated SOP must be met or the test is rejected as invalid. To that end the following procedures are followed to ensure these quality objectives are met.

### 7.1. CHAIN OF CUSTODY PROCEDURES, SAMPLE HANDLING AND SAMPLE DISPOSAL

An example of Aquatic Bioassay's chain of custody form is included in Figure 7-1. The chain of custody form is completed by the person collecting the effluent or other sample. Whenever the sample changes hands, the person relinquishing the sample, as well as the person receiving the sample, sign the chain of custody and record the date and time of the transference. The original chain of custody form remains with the sample until it is returned to the client with the final report.

Upon arrival to this laboratory, the temperature of each sample is recorded and each sample is given a separate sequential analytical number which is included on the sample container, the laboratory logbook, and laboratory work sheets. The samples are kept in chronological order as received in a designated cold storage area unless an aliquot is being removed for analysis. Samples that are to be tested under EPA testing procedures must have the tests initiated within 36 hours of sample collection. Upon completion of testing, those samples that are deemed to be non-hazardous are disposed of via regular waste hauler. If samples are determined to be of a hazardous nature, the unused portion of sample is returned to the client. All effluent samples are discharged to municipal sewage. A log is kept near the door of the designated storage area, and any sample removal is documented with the analyst's initials and date and time of removal. Visitors to the laboratory must sign in and be escorted by a staff member. Storage and documentation areas are locked during evenings and weekends.



Published Testing Procedures. Aquatic Bioassay adheres strictly to the published methodologies and does not deviate from them in order to make the testing easier or more profitable. Senior personnel are active members of Policy, QA/QC, and Methods Development committees of the Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group (SCTAG), where recommendations for modification are formally presented.

Choice of Chemicals. Aquatic Bioassay uses only reagent grade chemicals and the highest grade of sea salts available. As discussed above (Section 3.4.), dilution water is Type III grade or better, or for marine species, noncontaminated natural seawater collected far from shore and filtered through 0.2 micron filters.

Testing Chambers and Laboratory Glassware. Whenever possible, testing chambers are of the disposable type (e.g. culture flasks for sea urchin and abalone larval tests). Otherwise, the highest quality glassware is prepared with strict adherence to published cleaning procedures.

Standard Toxicants. During early methods development of marine chronic tests, we discovered low precision among laboratories with regard to the accurate chemical measurement of standard toxicants. Since we felt that this was a likely major source of bioassay result variability among laboratories, we decided to contract with ERA Associates in Arvada, Colorado to prepare for us copper chloride and zinc sulfate stock solutions traceable to National Bureau of Standards solutions. Stock solutions are verified monthly for accuracy by an independent chemistry laboratory.

Instrument Calibration. All laboratory instruments are zeroed and calibrated before each use. Instruments and equipment are carefully maintained, and any deviations from normal response are brought to the attention the Laboratory Director (See Section 7.4. below).

### 7.3. REFERENCE TOXICANT TESTING AND QUALITY CONTROL CHARTS.

All bioassay reference toxicant results are recorded and mathematically reduced for inclusion in Quality Control (QC) Charts. Standard toxicant testing is performed with each batch of chronic tests and for each new population of adult acute animals. Following each test, the LC or EC50 is calculated and included with acceptability data on a QC Data Sheet (Table 7-1). Our QC Charts are constructed from the means and standard deviations of these data (Figure 7-2).

In general, new QC Charts are recalculated whenever a value approaches either the upper or lower control limit. The previous 19 acceptable data previous to this test are then included in the new chart. The current test's acceptability can then be determined. Only those tests which achieve all acceptability criteria and fall within the range of the control limits are included in subsequent control chart calculations.

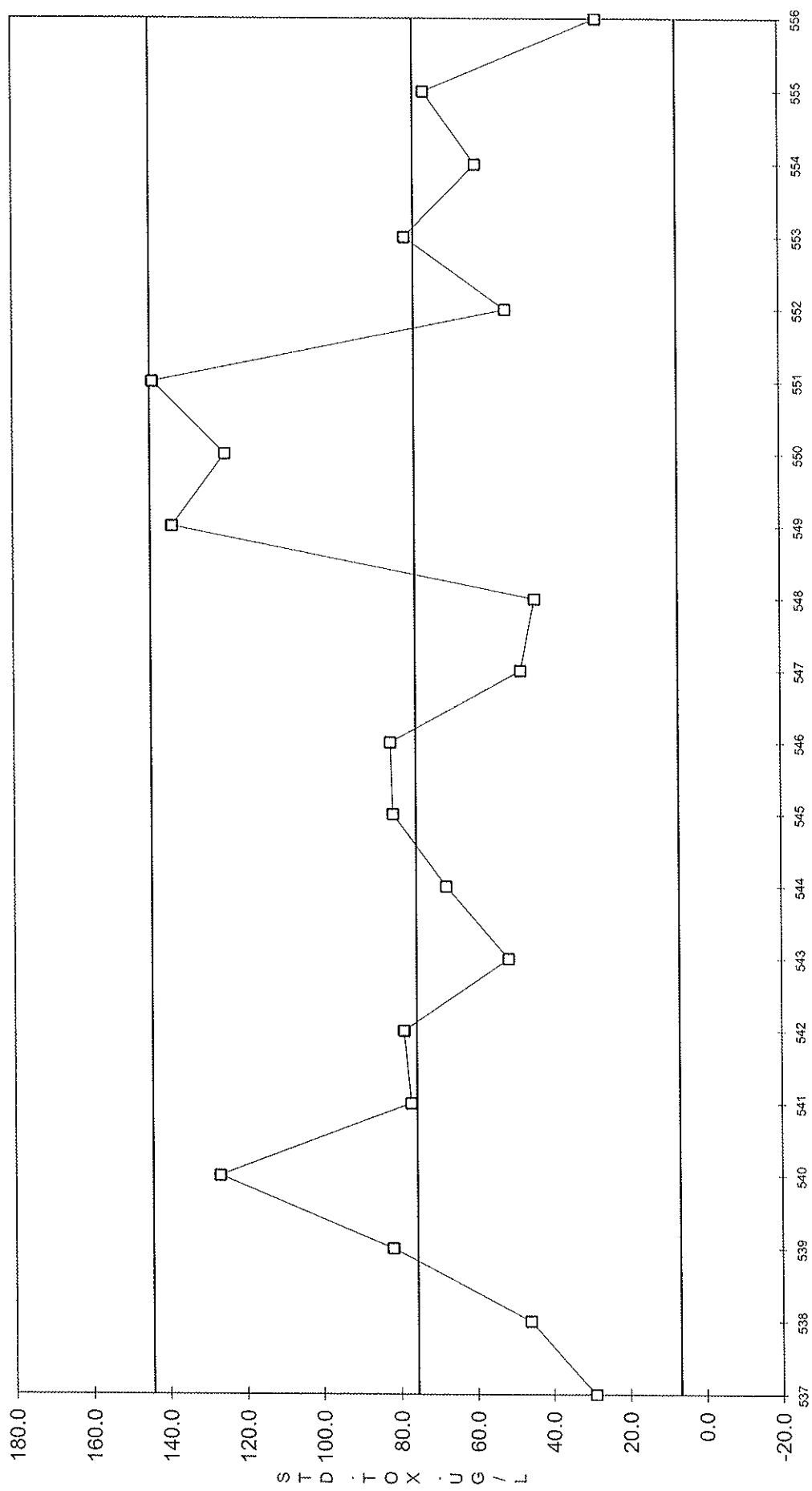
If a reference toxicant result falls outside of any acceptability requirement, all associated bioassays are reperformed. If the test is found to be acceptable, but the LC or EC50 is outside of the control limits, the QC Officer completes a Control Limit Exceedence Form (Table 7-2) which is brought to the attention of the Laboratory Director. The QC Officer, Laboratory Director, and analyst(s) then determine what the cause of the exceedance was and what will be the best corrective action. QC Charts are also used by the staff to follow seasonal, batch, annual or other temporal trends.

Table 7-1. HALIOTUS RUPESCENS QA/QC DATA SHEET  
Standard Toxicant:

| Date | Mean Control<br>>= 80% | MS Within<br><= 100.0 | NOEC<br>< 56 ug/l | EC50 |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|
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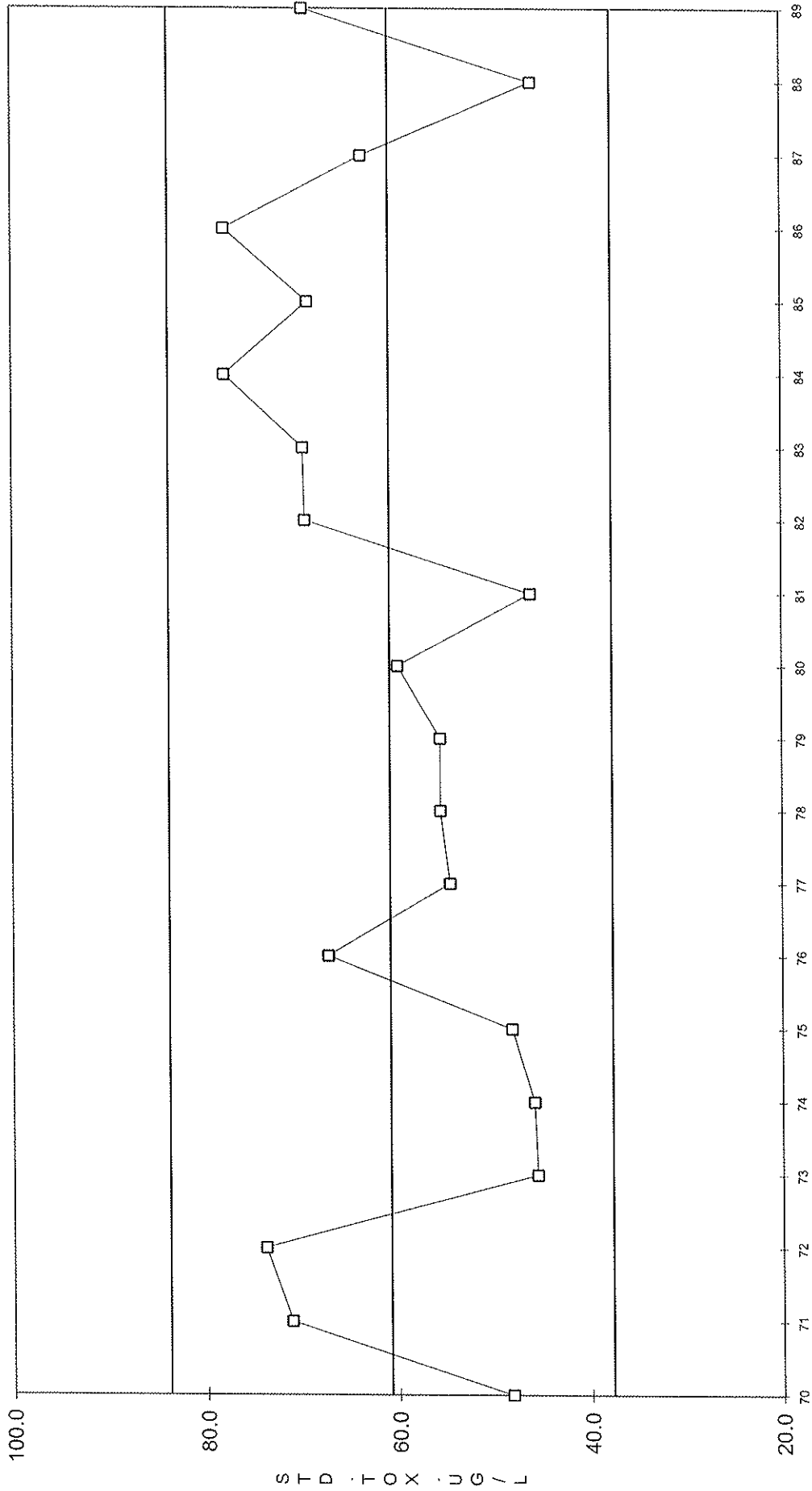
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CHRONIC PURPLE URCHIN FERTILIZATION FERT. EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE -3/4/2009



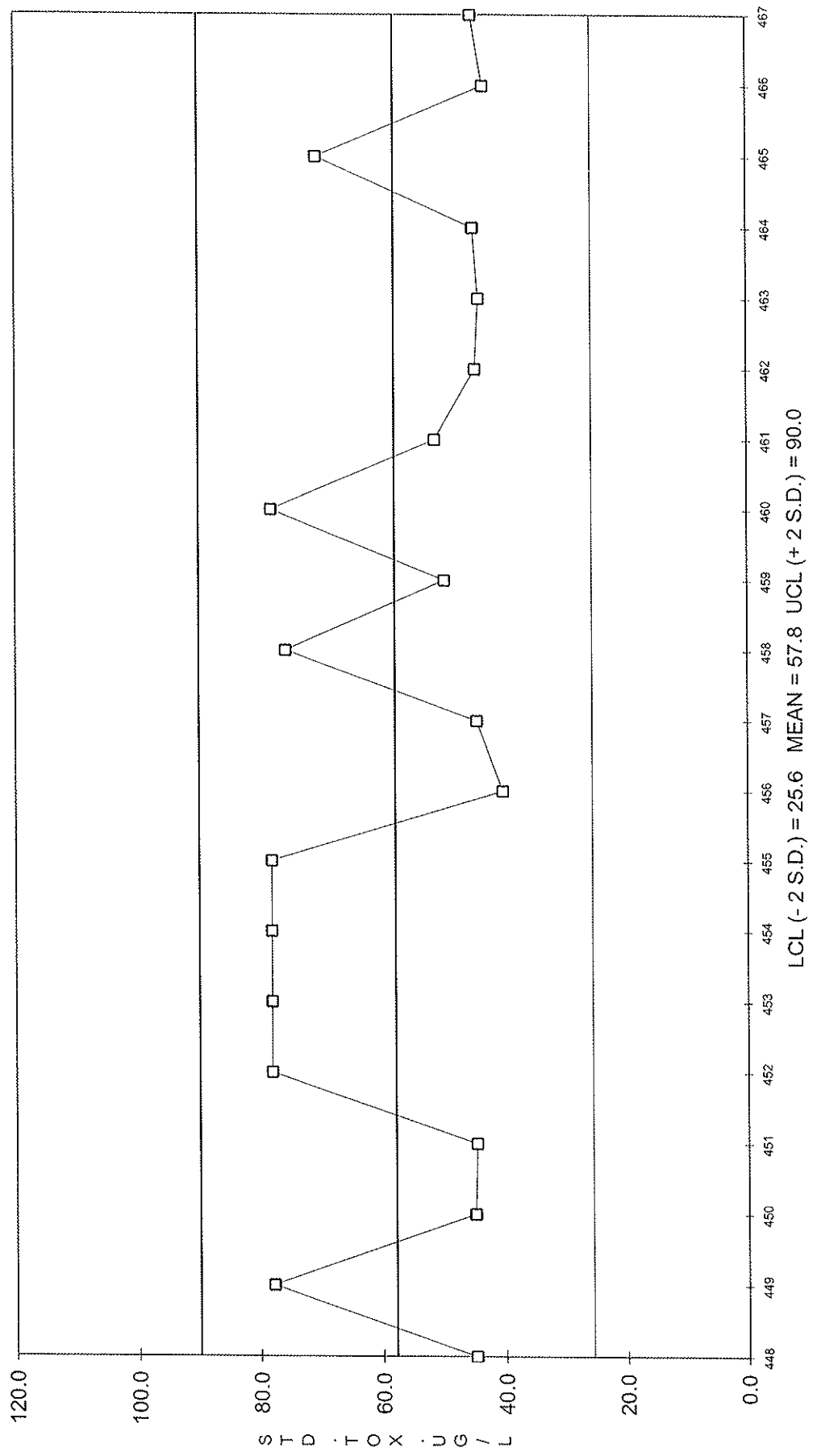
LCL (- 2 S.D.) = 6.8    MEAN = 75.5    UCL (+ 2 S.D.) = 144.3

CHRONIC PURPLE URCHIN DEVELOPMENT EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 3/14/2009



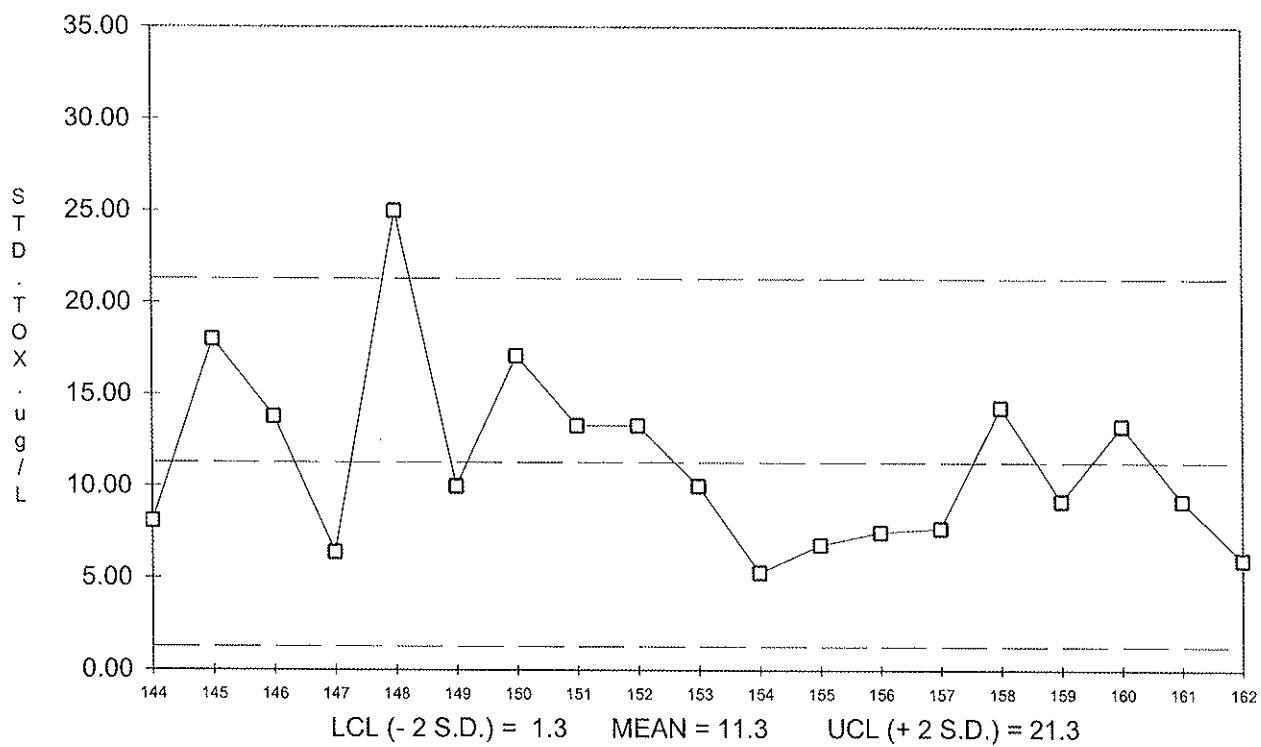


ABALONE LARVAE - CHRONIC EC50 - ZINC SULFATE - 03/4/2009

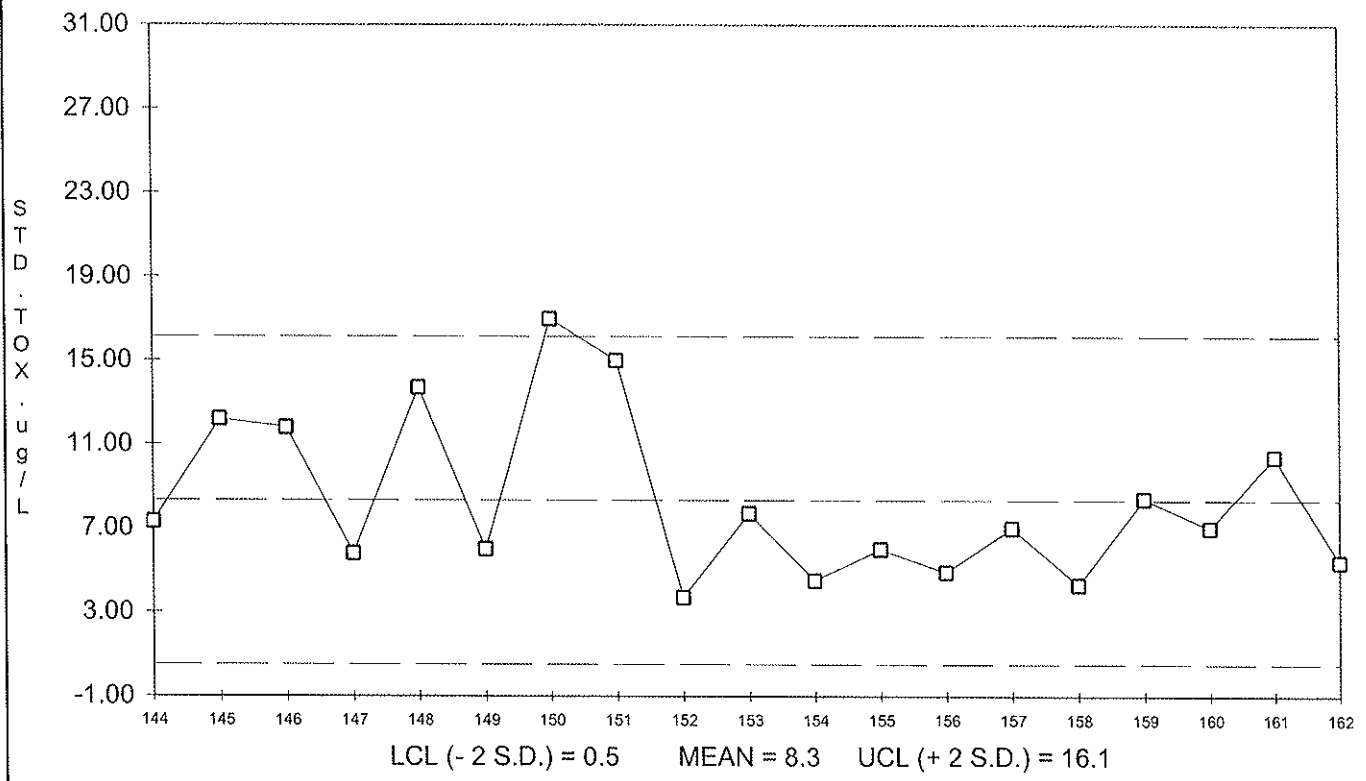


CERIODAPHNIA SURVIVAL - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 2/17/2009

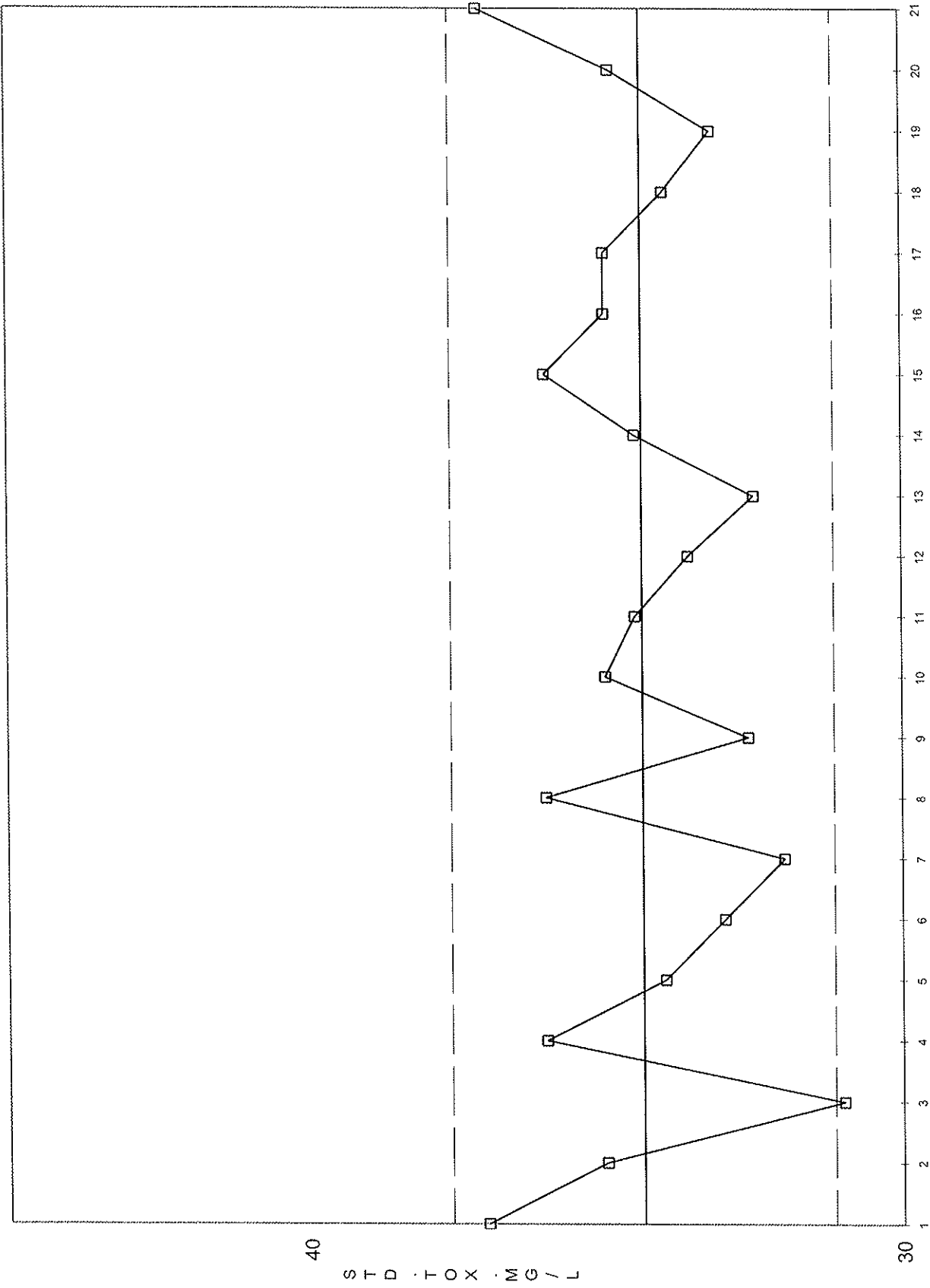
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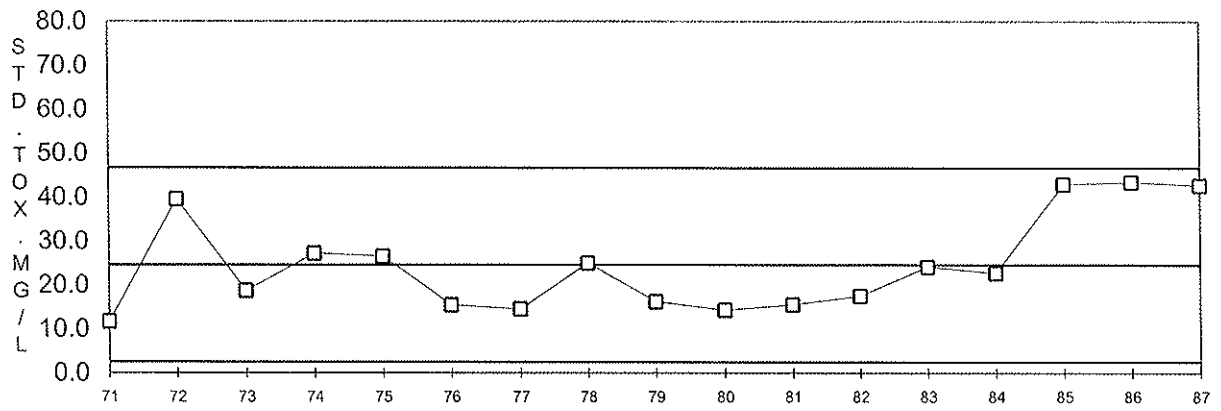
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MYSIDOPSIS SURVIVAL - CHRONIC LC50 - SDS - 3/5/2009

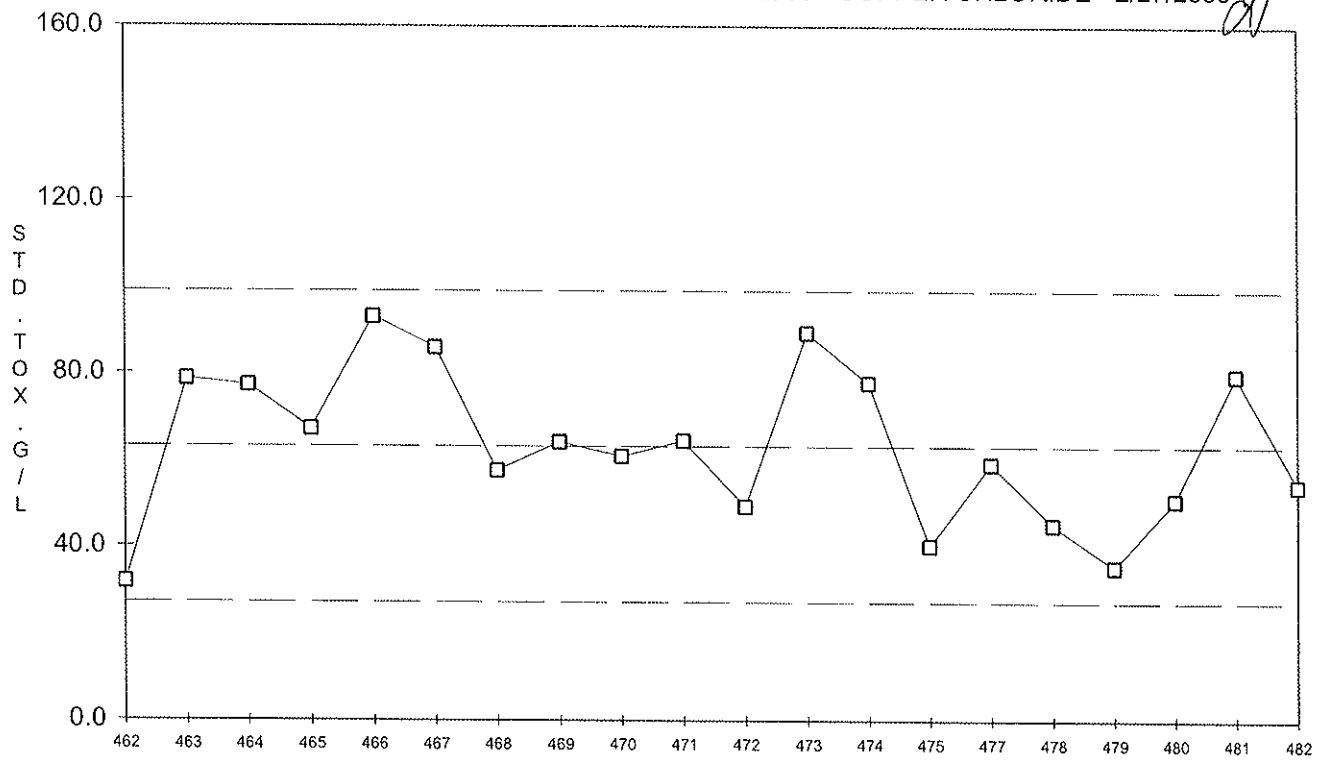


MYSIDOPSIS GROWTH - CHRONIC LC50 - SDS - 3/26/09



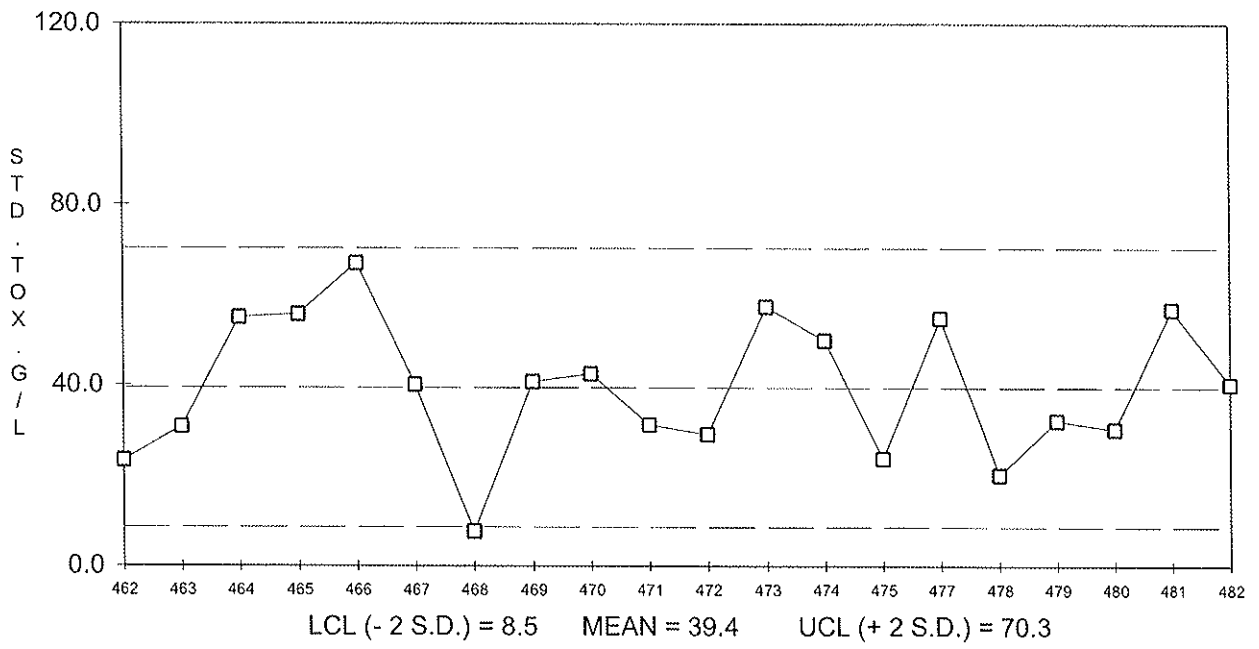
LCL (- 2 S.D.) = 2.5      MEAN = 13.3      UCL (+ 2 S.D.) = 19.5

FATHEAD LARVAL SURVIVAL - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 2/27/2009

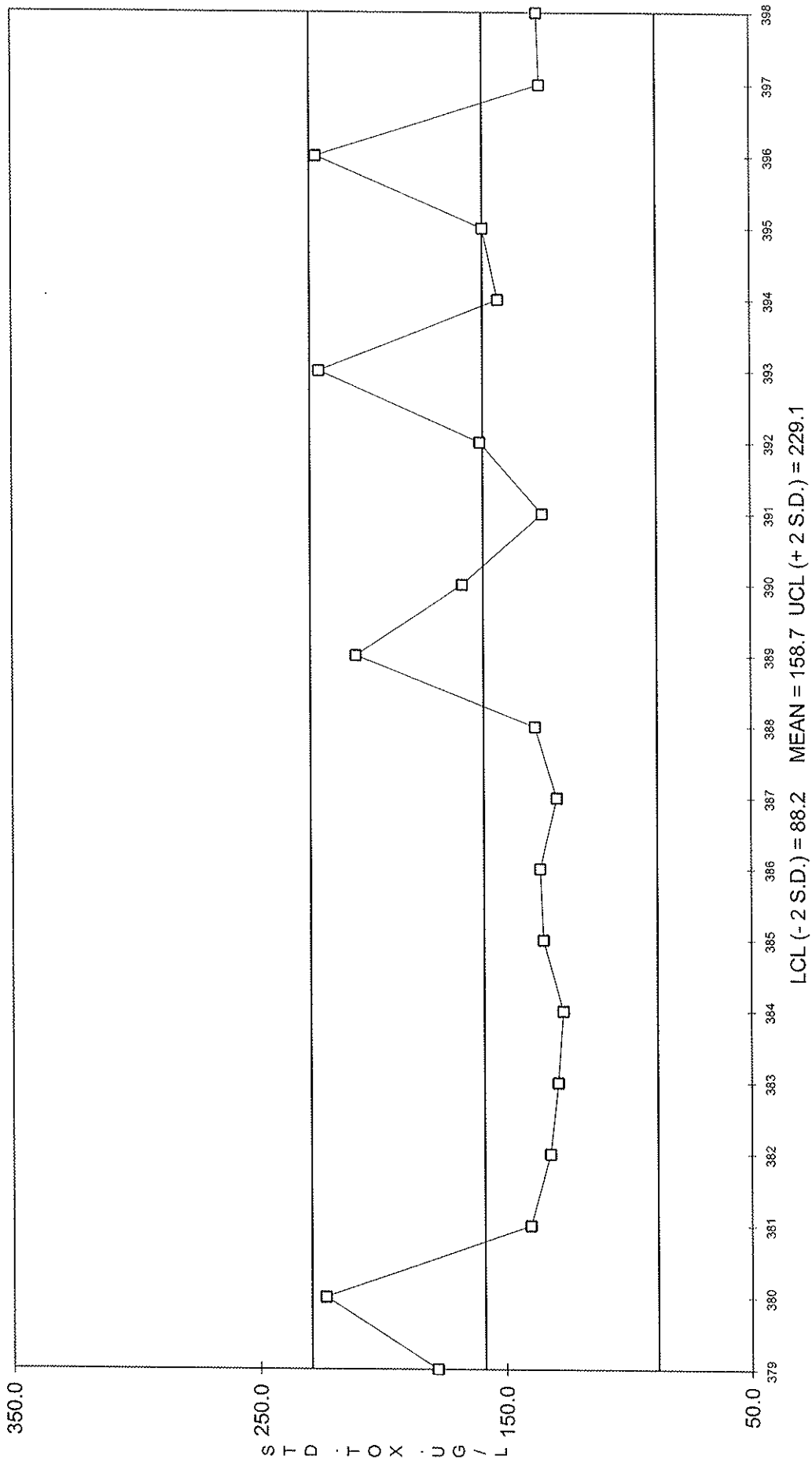


LCL (- 2 S.D.) = 27.2    MEAN = 63.1    UCL (+ 2 S.D.) = 99.0

FATHEAD LARVAL GROWTH - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 2/27/2009



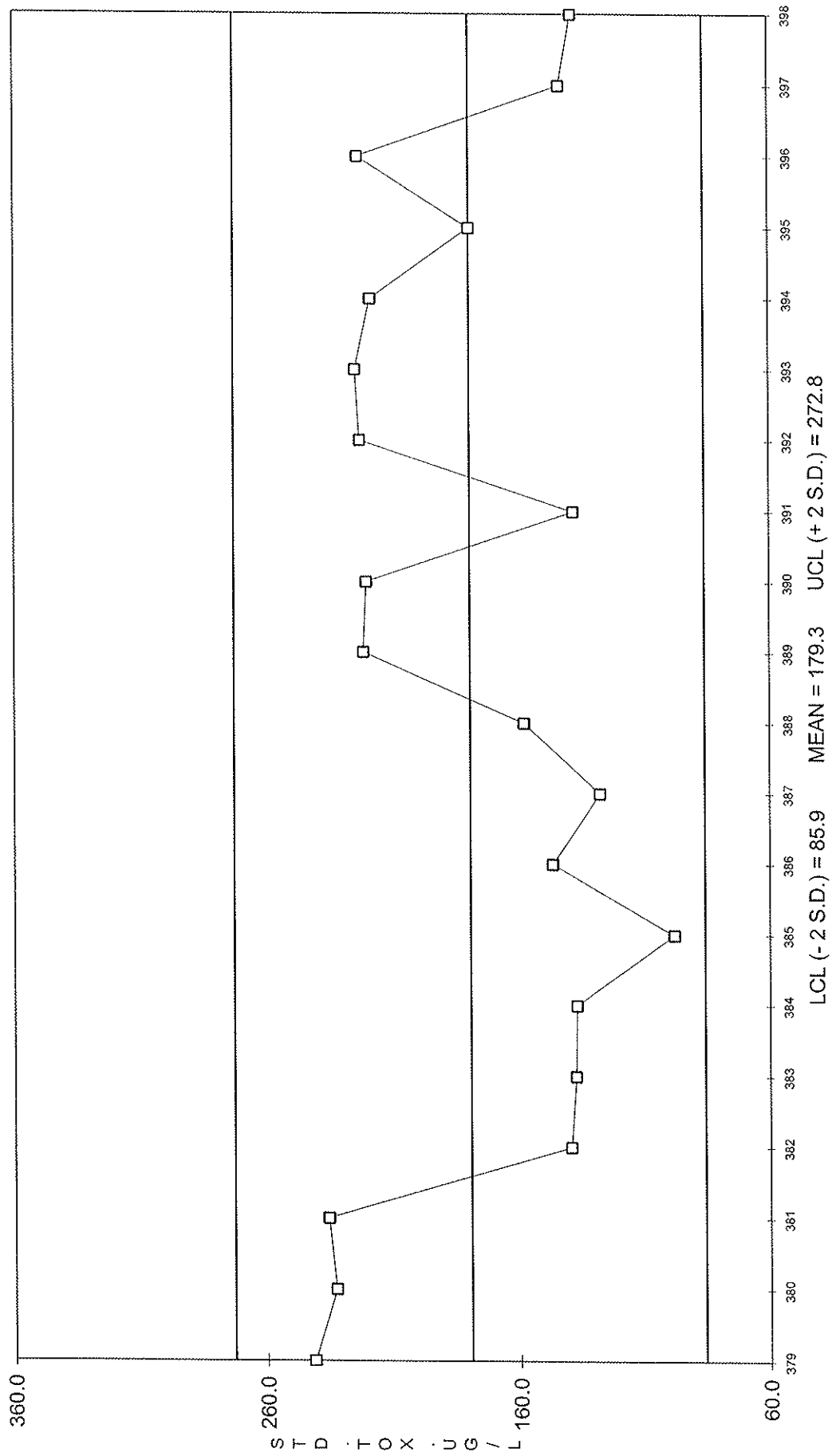
KELP GERMINATION - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 3/5/2009



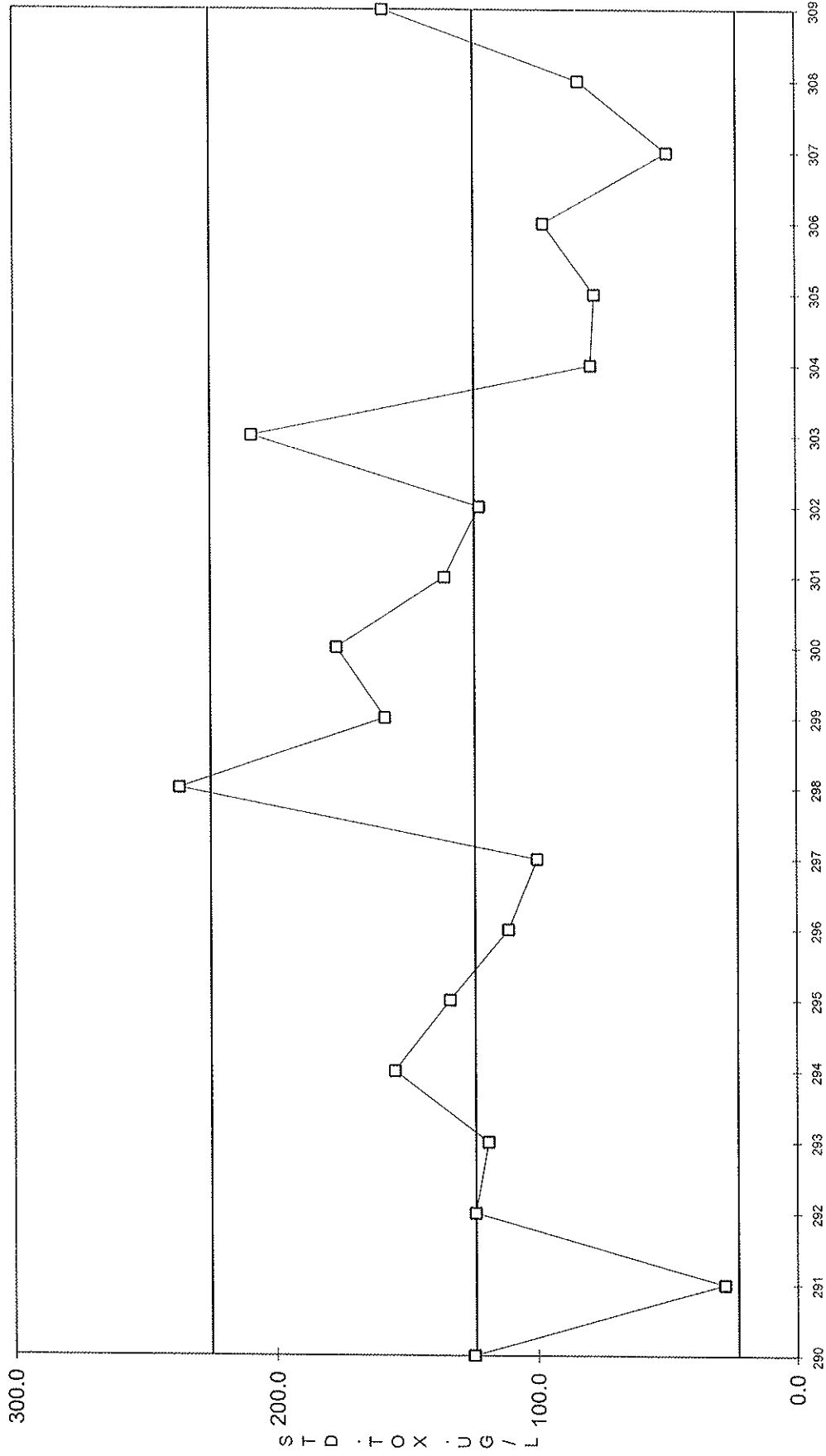
LCL (-2 S.D.) = 88.2 MEAN = 158.7 UCL (+2 S.D.) = 229.1



KELP TUBE LENGTH - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 3/5/2009

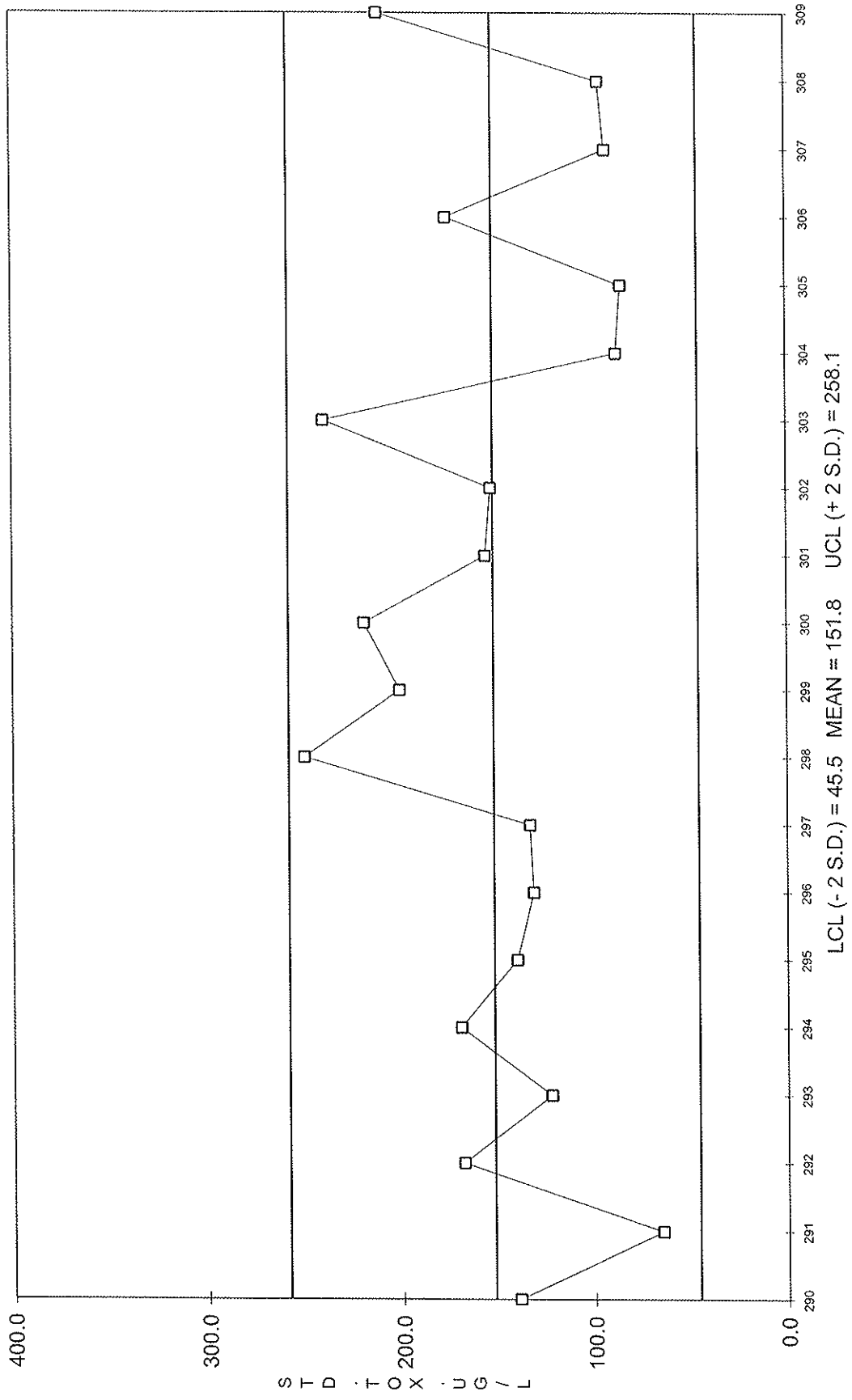


MENIDIDA SURVIVAL - Chronic EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 2/27/2009

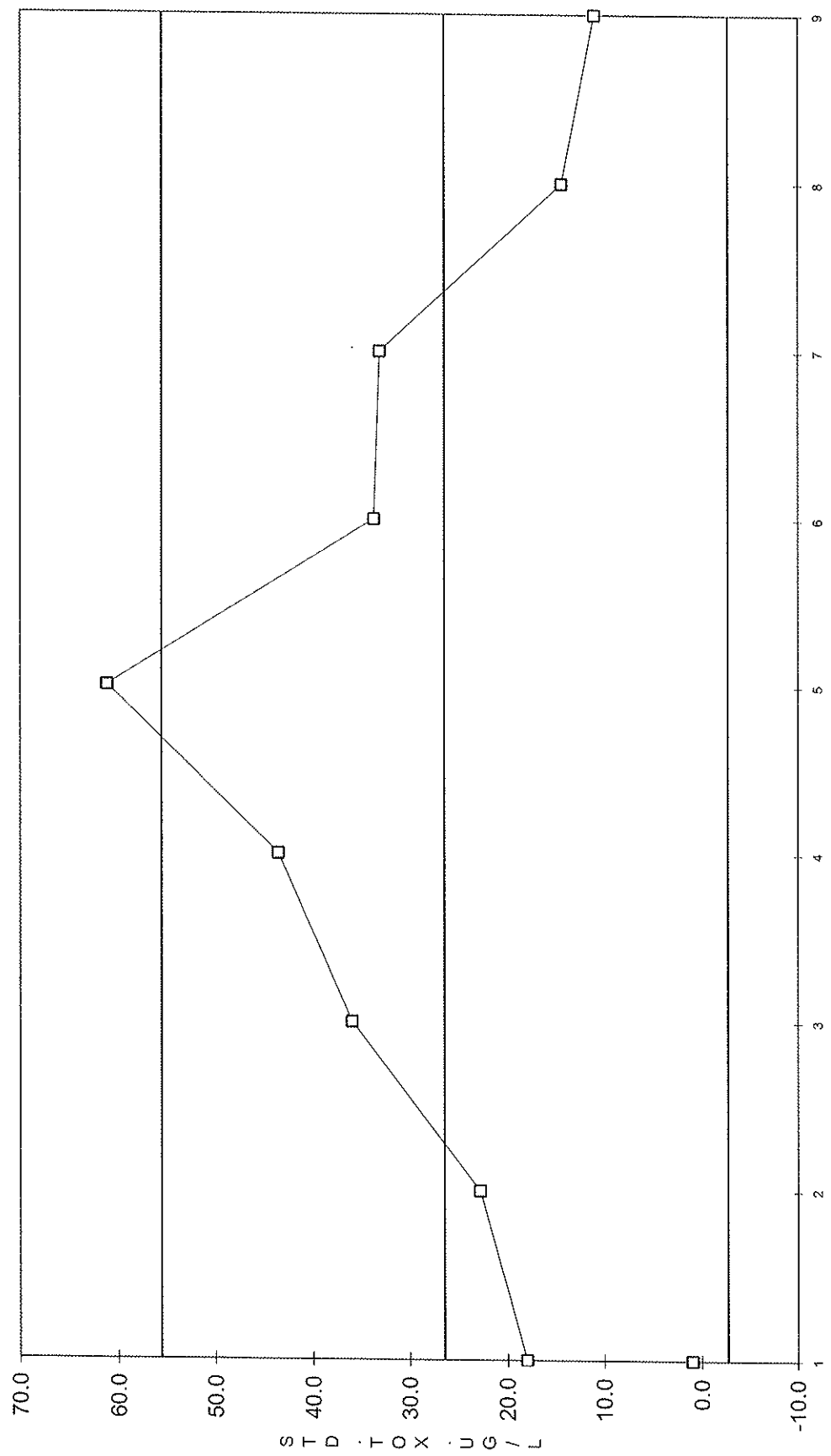


LCL (- 2 S.D.) = 22.5 MEAN = 123.9 UCL (+ 2 S.D.) = 225.3

MENIDIA GROWTH - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 2/27/2009



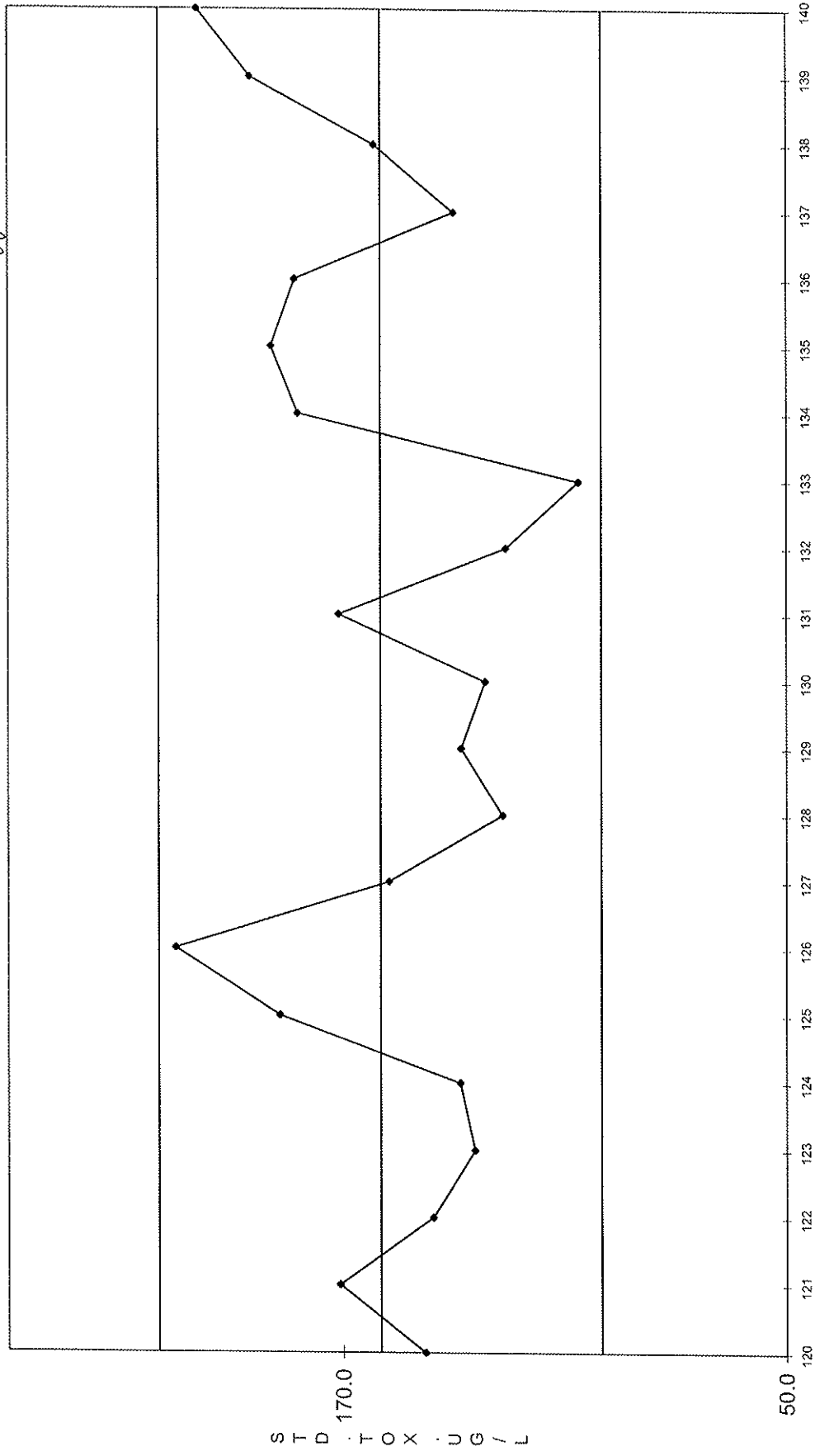
SELENASTRUM GROWTH - CHRONIC EC50 - CADMIUM CHLORIDE - 3/4/2009



LCL (-2 S.D.) = -2.7    MEAN = 26.5    UCL (+2 S.D.) = 55.6

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TOPSMELT SURVIVAL - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 2/27/2009

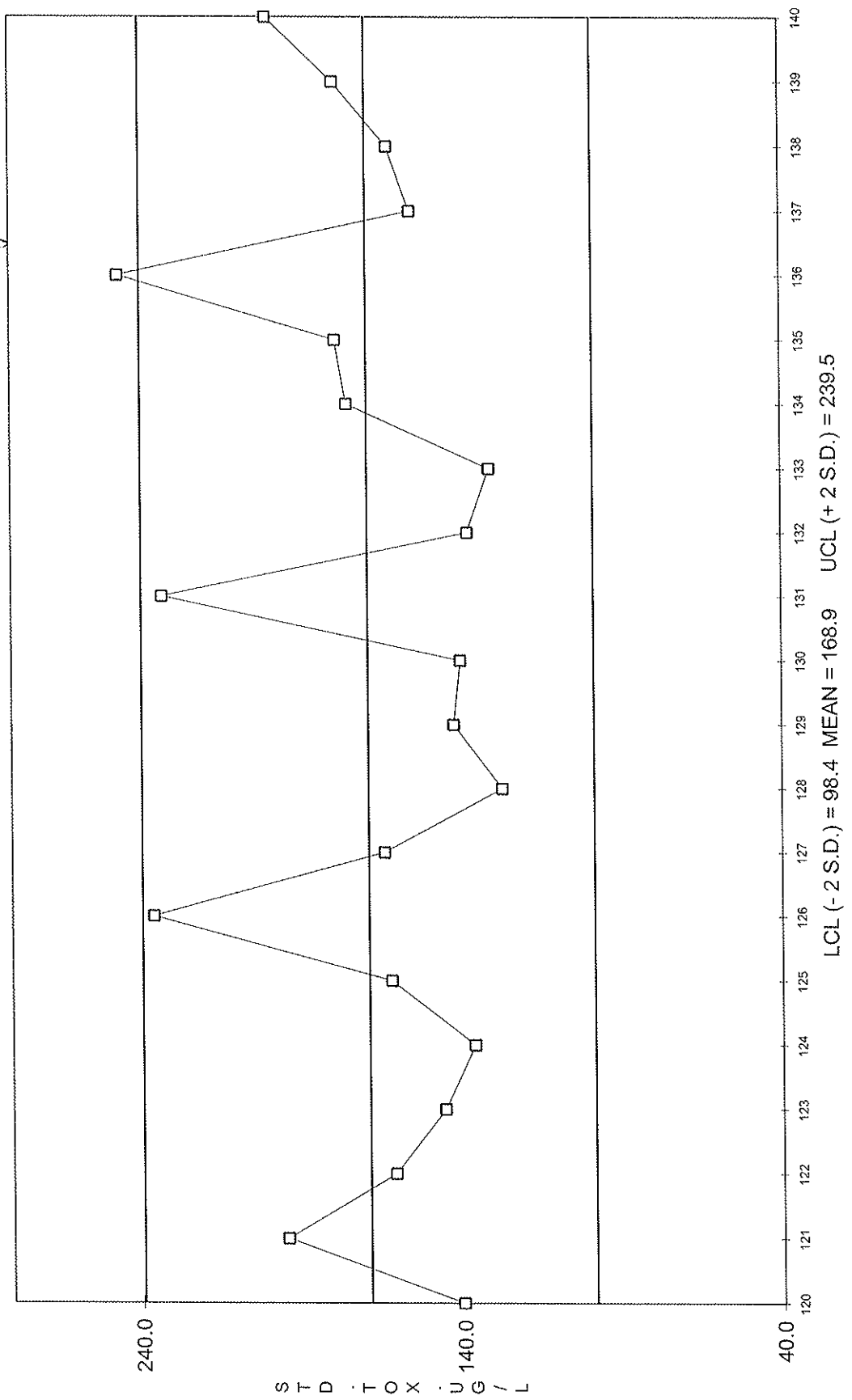


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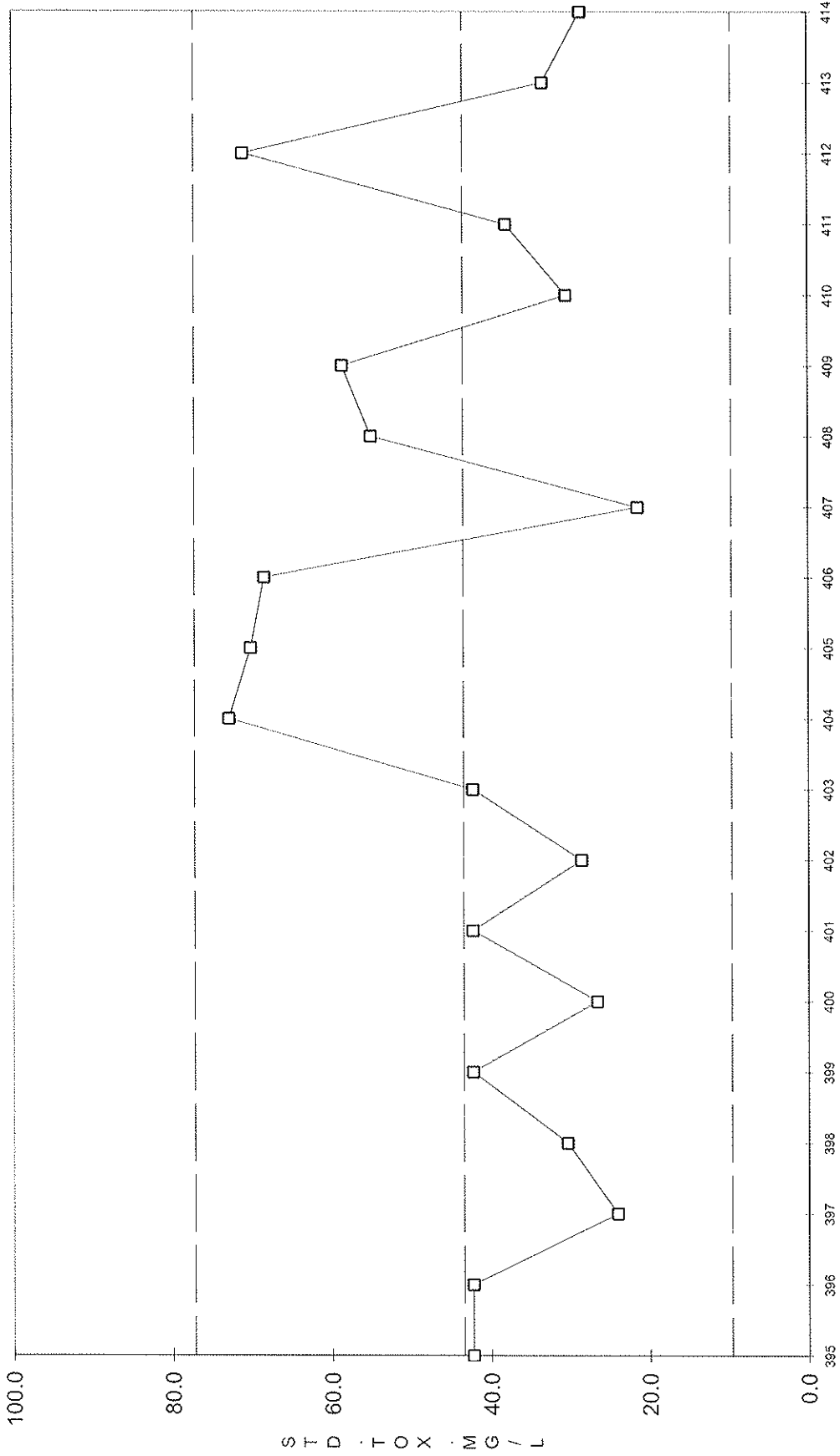
50.0

LCL (- 2 S.D.) = 98.4 MEAN = 159.4 UCL (+ 2 S.D.) = 219.6

TOPSMELT GROWTH - CHRONIC EC50 - COPPER CHLORIDE - 2/27/2009 *St*

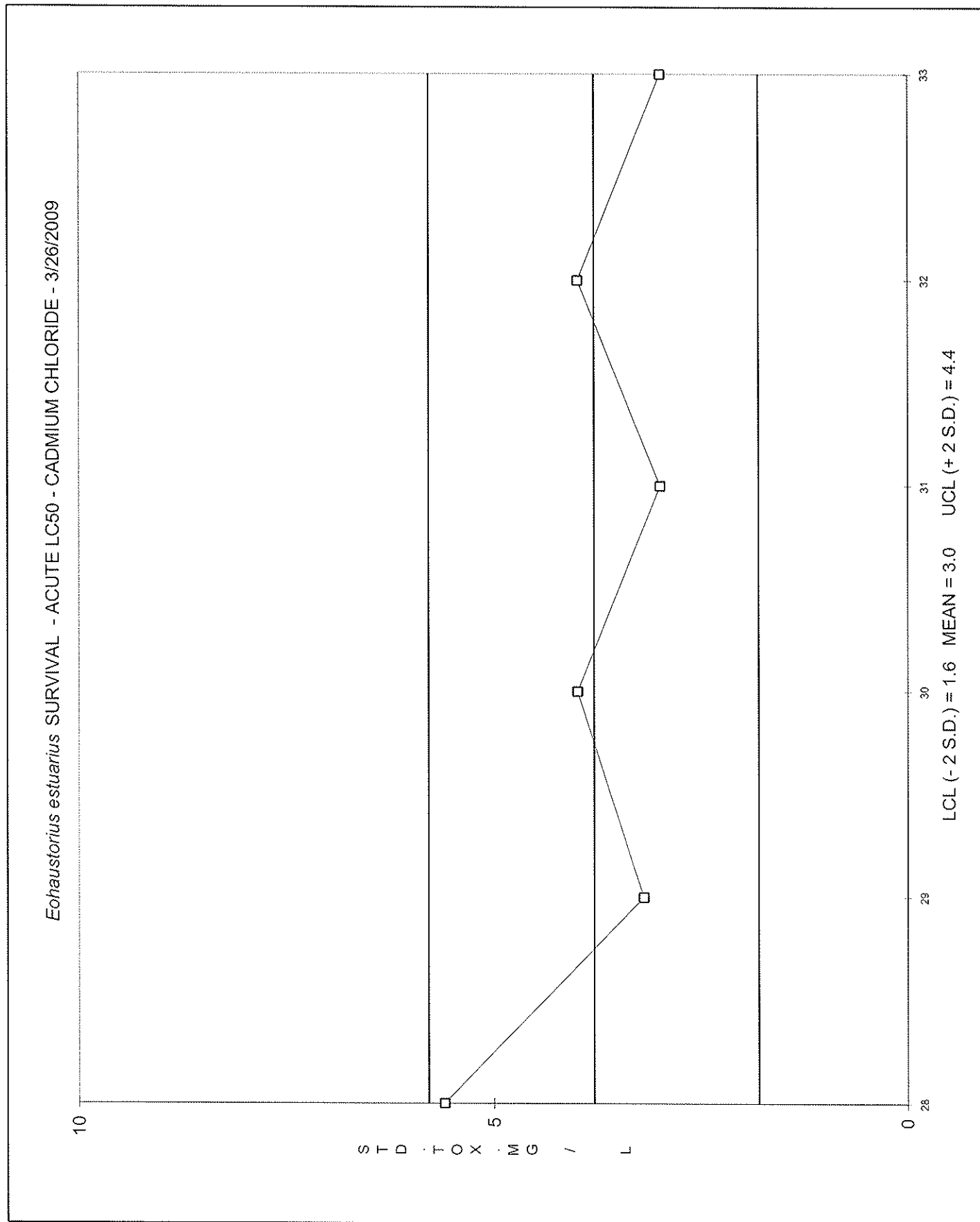


FATHEAD ADULT SURVIVAL - ACUTE LC50 - Copper Chloride -3/09/2009



LCL (- 2 S.D.) = 9.7    MEAN = 43.4    UCL (+ 2 S.D.) = 77.2

FIGURE 2-1. (CONTINUED).





MYSIDOPSIS SURVIVAL - ACUTE LC50 - SDS - 3/26/09

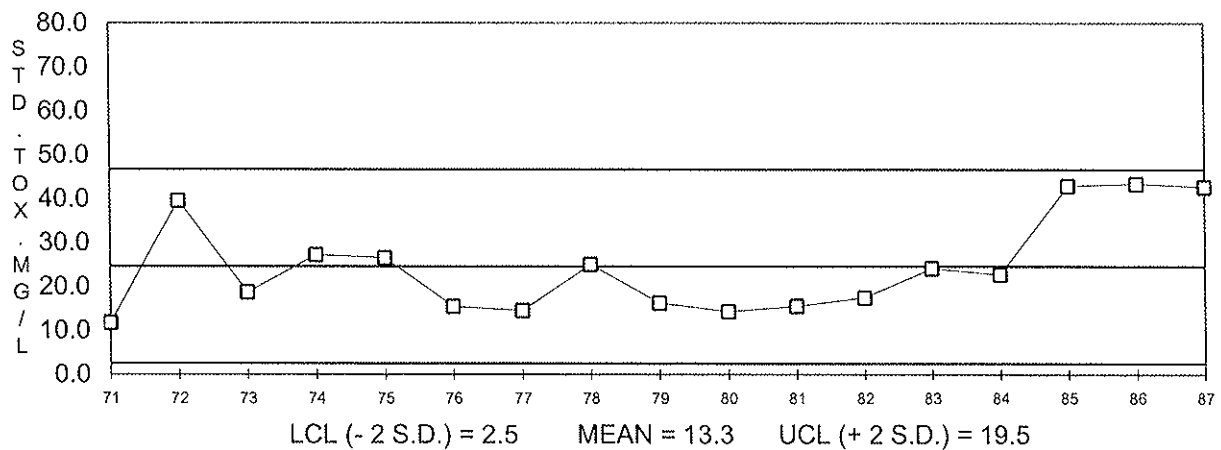


Table 7-2. CONTROL LIMIT EXCEEDENCE FORM

TEST \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE OUT OF CONTROL INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE REASON FOR INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT OTHER TESTS WERE AFFECTED? \_\_\_\_\_

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RECOMMENDATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael Machuzak, QC Officer

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Date

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Scott Johnson, Laboratory Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### 7.4. INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION AND LOG-KEEPING TECHNIQUES

Holding water and animal conditions are monitored very closely. At a minimum of once per week, ammonia, salinity (for marine species). Temperature is checked in each holding tank daily. Also, a daily record of feeding, behavioural observations, and mortality are also maintained. Also weekly, tanks are cleaned of detritus and 50% of the water is changed. Dead or unhealthy looking organisms are always removed immediately.

Calibration, as defined at Aquatic Bioassay, involve those procedures that are performed routinely (daily or during every run of analysis) before any analyses are initiated (Table 7-4). Preventative maintenance involves those nonroutine procedures used to assure proper performance of laboratory equipment and instruments (Table 7-5). All calibration and maintenance procedures are dated, initialed, and recorded in a bound Laboratory Calibration Log.

#### 7.5. INTERLABORATORY DMR AND SPLIT SAMPLE TESTING

Aquatic Bioassay is continuously involved in split sample and standard toxicant testing.

Aquatic Bioassay is an active member of the QA/QC Committee of the Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group (SCTAG).

Aquatic Bioassay is also involved in the annual DMR Studies for the EPA (see Appendix 9.4 for the most recent results) as well as the annual WP studies (see Appendix 9.4 for the most recent results).

#### 7.6. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Standard operating procedures for all requested bioassays are included in Appendix 9.5. Procedures are those specified in the published methods (See Table 5-1).

#### 7.7. REPORTING

Data is acquired from laboratory bench sheets that test technicians have carefully prepared throughout the specific test by a senior technician. The bench sheets contain data that is specified in the EPA manuals and is also specified in each test SOP. The raw data is then entered into a computer to be analysed statistically by ToxCalc or SoftTox depending on the specific test. Once a data report is generated, it is inspected for completeness first by the technician preparing the report, secondly by the QC Officer and thirdly by the laboratory director. If the data report is correct and all acceptability criteria for the specific test have been met, it is signed by the Laboratory Director, copied and the original, with a wet signature, is dispatched to the client. A copy remains in our archives here at the laboratory.

If discrepancies are discovered at any of three levels of data examination, the Laboratory Director seeks the appropriate corrective action. This may include reanalysis of the data or a complete re-run of a particular toxicity test. After the corrective action has been carried out the same three tier examination of the final report takes place prior to releasing the data to the client.

Table 7-4. CALIBRATION PROCEDURES AND FREQUENCY.

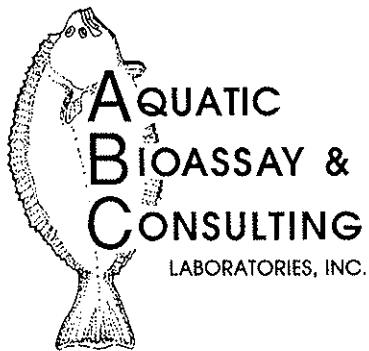
| PARAMETER       | FREQUENCY     | CALIBRATION PROCEDURE   |
|-----------------|---------------|---|
| Water System    | Daily         | Measure Conductivity and pH.  |
| Thermometers    | Monthly       | Compare with N.B.S. standard.   |
| Balances        | With Each Use | Compare to Class S weights.   |
| Oxygen Meter    | Daily         | Adjust zero, full scale, air calibration. Compare to Winkler titration. |
| Salinometer     | Each use      | Adjust redline. Compare to chloride titration standards.                |
| Thermistors     | Each use      | Compare to N.B.S. traceable thermometers.                               |
| pH Meter        | Daily         | Calibrate to pH 7.0 and 4.0 or 10.0 buffers.                            |
| ISE Meter       | Daily         | Calibrate to standards curve.   |
| Bioassay        | Daily         | Check temperature and Room continuous recorder.                         |
| Bioassay System | Daily         | Check animal survival and water clarity.                                |
| Autoclave       | Each run      | Check spore tape and temperature.                                       |
| Incubator       | Daily         | Check/adjust temperature.   |
| Water Bath      | Daily         | Check/adjust temperature and water level.                               |
| Light Meter     | Annually      | Light meter is sent to manufacturer annually for factory calibration.   |

Table 7-5. PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE.

| PARAMETER    | FREQUENCY | MAINTENANCE                                       | BY WHOM |
|--------------|-----------|---|---------|
| Water System | As needed | Replace resin beds.                               | Mfgr.   |
| Thermometers | As needed | Replace.  | Staff   |
| Balances     | Annually  | Service, calibrate.                               | Mfgr.   |
| Oxygen Meter | As needed | Replace fill solution,<br>membrane, batteries.    | Staff   |
|              |           | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |
| Salinometer  | As needed | Replate cond. probe.<br>Replace batteries.        | Staff   |
|              |           | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |
| Nephelometer | As needed | Cleaning, focusing,<br>bulb replacement.          | Staff   |
|              |           | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |
| Thermistors  | As needed | Replace batteries.                                | Staff   |
|              |           | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |
| pH/ISE Meter | As needed | Clean probe.                                      | Staff   |
|              |           | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |
| Bioassay     | As needed | Change water.<br>Clean tanks and filters.         | Staff   |
| Autoclave    | Weekly    | Clean outside and run<br>with mild acid solution. | Staff   |
| Incubator    | As needed | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |
| Water Bath   | As needed | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |
| Heating Oven | As needed | Repair, service.                                  | Mfgr.   |

## 8. APPENDICES

### 8.1. EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED BIOASSAY REPORTS



TOXICITY TESTING • OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

February 20, 2009

Client  
City of California  
222 Any Rd.  
Anytown, CA 93000

Dear Client:

We are pleased to present the enclosed bioassay report. The test was conducted under guidelines prescribed in *Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms EPA-821-R-02-013*. Results were as follows:

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| CLIENT:        | City of California |
| SAMPLE I.D.:   | EFF                |
| DATE RECEIVED: | 7 Feb - 09         |
| ABC LAB. NO.:  | THO0209.017        |

#### **CHRONIC FATHEAD LARVAE SURVIVAL & GROWTH BIOASSAY**

|          |                    |           |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| SURVIVAL | NOEC =             | 100.00 %  |
|          | TU <sub>c</sub> =  | 1.00      |
|          | IC <sub>25</sub> = | >100.00 % |
|          | IC <sub>50</sub> = | >100.00 % |

|        |                    |           |
|--------|--------------------|-----------|
| GROWTH | NOEC =             | 100.00 %  |
|        | TU <sub>c</sub> =  | 1.00      |
|        | IC <sub>25</sub> = | >100.00 % |
|        | IC <sub>50</sub> = | >100.00 % |

Yours very truly,  
*Scott C. Johnson*

Scott C. Johnson  
Laboratory Director

**Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Survival**

|                       |                            |                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 2/7/2009  | Test ID: XXX0209017        | Sample ID: CA0056294                 |
| End Date: 2/14/2009   | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: AMB1-Ambient water      |
| Sample Date: 2/6/2009 | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 | Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas |
| Comments: Eff         |                            |                                      |

| Conc-%    | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N Control | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 32        | 0.9000 | 0.9000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 42        | 0.9000 | 0.8000 | 0.9000 | 1.0000 |
| 56        | 0.9000 | 1.0000 | 0.9000 | 1.0000 |
| 75        | 1.0000 | 0.9000 | 1.0000 | 0.9000 |
| 100       | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |

| Conc-%    | Mean   | N-Mean | Transform: Arcsin Square Root |        |        |       |   | Rank Sum | 1-Tailed Critical | Isotonic |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|---|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|
|           |        |        | Mean                          | Min    | Max    | CV%   | N |          |                   | Mean     | N-Mean |
| N Control | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.4120                        | 1.4120 | 1.4120 | 0.000 | 4 |          |                   | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 32        | 0.9500 | 0.9500 | 1.3305                        | 1.2490 | 1.4120 | 7.072 | 4 | 14.00    | 10.00             | 0.9500   | 0.9500 |
| 42        | 0.9000 | 0.9000 | 1.2543                        | 1.1071 | 1.4120 | 9.935 | 4 | 12.00    | 10.00             | 0.9500   | 0.9500 |
| 56        | 0.9500 | 0.9500 | 1.3305                        | 1.2490 | 1.4120 | 7.072 | 4 | 14.00    | 10.00             | 0.9500   | 0.9500 |
| 75        | 0.9500 | 0.9500 | 1.3305                        | 1.2490 | 1.4120 | 7.072 | 4 | 14.00    | 10.00             | 0.9500   | 0.9500 |
| 100       | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.4120                        | 1.4120 | 1.4120 | 0.000 | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 0.9500   | 0.9500 |

| Auxiliary Tests  | Statistic | Critical | Skew    | Kurt   |
|--|-----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Shapiro-Wilk's Test indicates normal distribution (p > 0.01) | 0.91208   | 0.884    | 0.08565 | -0.406 |

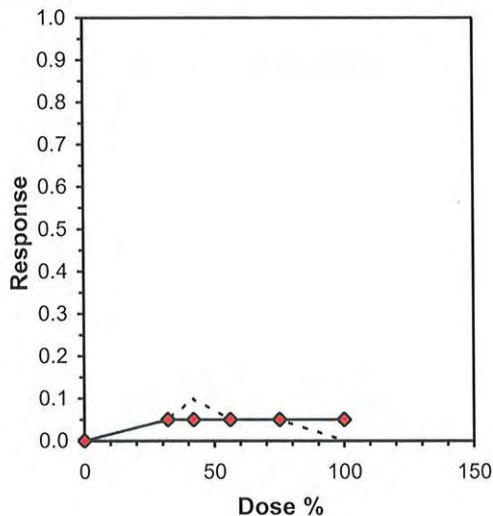
Equality of variance cannot be confirmed

| Hypothesis Test (1-tail, 0.05) | NOEC | LOEC | ChV | TU |
|--------------------------------|------|------|-----|----|
| Steel's Many-One Rank Test     | 100  | >100 |     | 1  |

Treatments vs N Control

Linear Interpolation (200 Resamples)

| Point | %    | SD | 95% CL(Exp) | Skew |
|-------|------|----|-------------|------|
| IC05  | >100 |    |             |      |
| IC10  | >100 |    |             |      |
| IC15  | >100 |    |             |      |
| IC20  | >100 |    |             |      |
| IC25  | >100 |    |             |      |
| IC40  | >100 |    |             |      |
| IC50  | >100 |    |             |      |

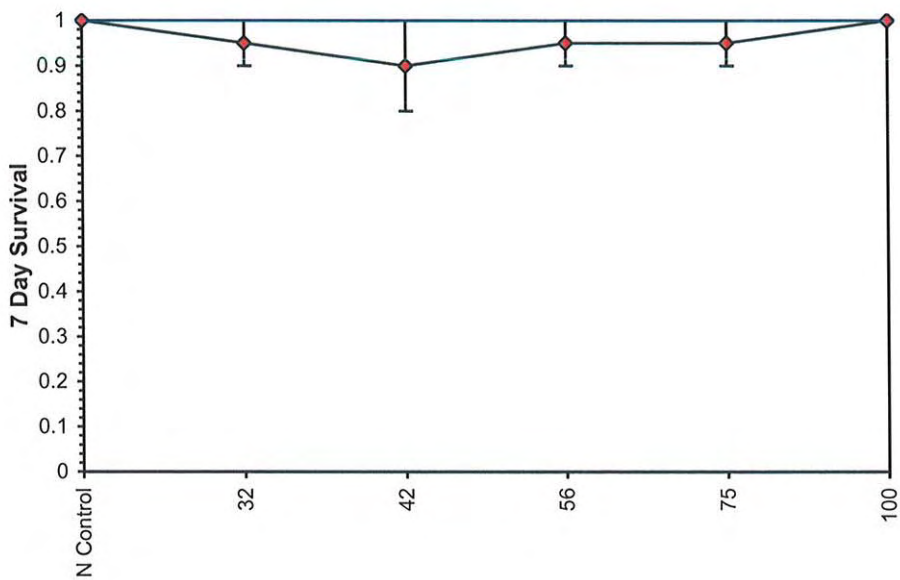




Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Survival

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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| Comments: Eff         |                            |                                      |

Dose-Response Plot



**Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Biomass**

|                       |                            |                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 2/7/2009  | Test ID: XXX0209017        | Sample ID: CA0056294                 |
| End Date: 2/14/2009   | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: AMB1-Ambient water      |
| Sample Date: 2/6/2009 | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 | Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas |
| Comments: Eff         |                            |                                      |

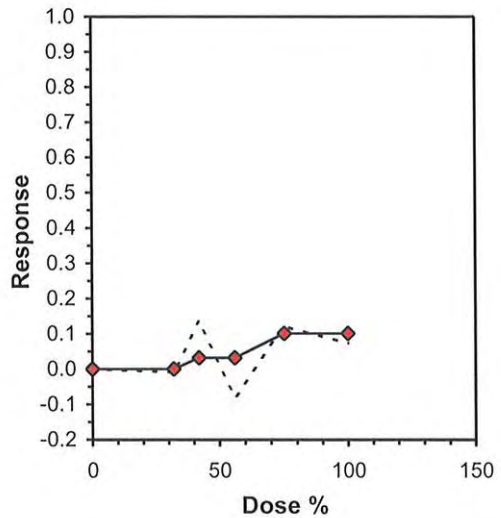
| Conc-%    | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N Control | 0.4380 | 0.3850 | 0.4420 | 0.3980 |
| 32        | 0.3240 | 0.4220 | 0.5260 | 0.4070 |
| 42        | 0.3700 | 0.2640 | 0.3660 | 0.4420 |
| 56        | 0.3690 | 0.4780 | 0.4850 | 0.4630 |
| 75        | 0.3500 | 0.2990 | 0.3860 | 0.4270 |
| 100       | 0.3240 | 0.3880 | 0.3680 | 0.4630 |

| Conc-%    | Mean   | N-Mean | Transform: Untransformed |        |        |        |      | N      | t-Stat | 1-Tailed Critical | MSD    | Isotonic |  |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|----------|--|
|           |        |        | Mean                     | Min    | Max    | CV%    | Mean |        |        |                   |        | N-Mean   |  |
| N Control | 0.4158 | 1.0000 | 0.4158                   | 0.3850 | 0.4420 | 6.866  | 4    |        |        |                   | 0.4178 | 1.0000   |  |
| 32        | 0.4198 | 1.0096 | 0.4198                   | 0.3240 | 0.5260 | 19.753 | 4    | -0.093 | 2.410  | 0.1038            | 0.4178 | 1.0000   |  |
| 42        | 0.3605 | 0.8671 | 0.3605                   | 0.2640 | 0.4420 | 20.305 | 4    | 1.282  | 2.410  | 0.1038            | 0.4046 | 0.9686   |  |
| 56        | 0.4488 | 1.0794 | 0.4488                   | 0.3690 | 0.4850 | 12.023 | 4    | -0.766 | 2.410  | 0.1038            | 0.4046 | 0.9686   |  |
| 75        | 0.3655 | 0.8791 | 0.3655                   | 0.2990 | 0.4270 | 14.873 | 4    | 1.166  | 2.410  | 0.1038            | 0.3756 | 0.8992   |  |
| 100       | 0.3858 | 0.9278 | 0.3858                   | 0.3240 | 0.4630 | 15.042 | 4    | 0.696  | 2.410  | 0.1038            | 0.3756 | 0.8992   |  |

| Auxiliary Tests  | Statistic | Critical | Skew   | Kurt    |         |         |         |         |         |       |
|--|-----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Shapiro-Wilk's Test indicates normal distribution (p > 0.01) | 0.96733   | 0.884    | -0.094 | -0.2837 |         |         |         |         |         |       |
| Bartlett's Test indicates equal variances (p = 0.71)         | 2.93199   | 15.0863  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |       |
| Hypothesis Test (1-tail, 0.05)                               | NOEC      | LOEC     | ChV    | TU      | MSDu    | MSDp    | MSB     | MSE     | F-Prob  | df    |
| Dunnett's Test<br>Treatments vs N Control                    | 100       | >100     |        | 1       | 0.10385 | 0.24978 | 0.00477 | 0.00371 | 0.31335 | 5, 18 |

**Linear Interpolation (200 Resamples)**

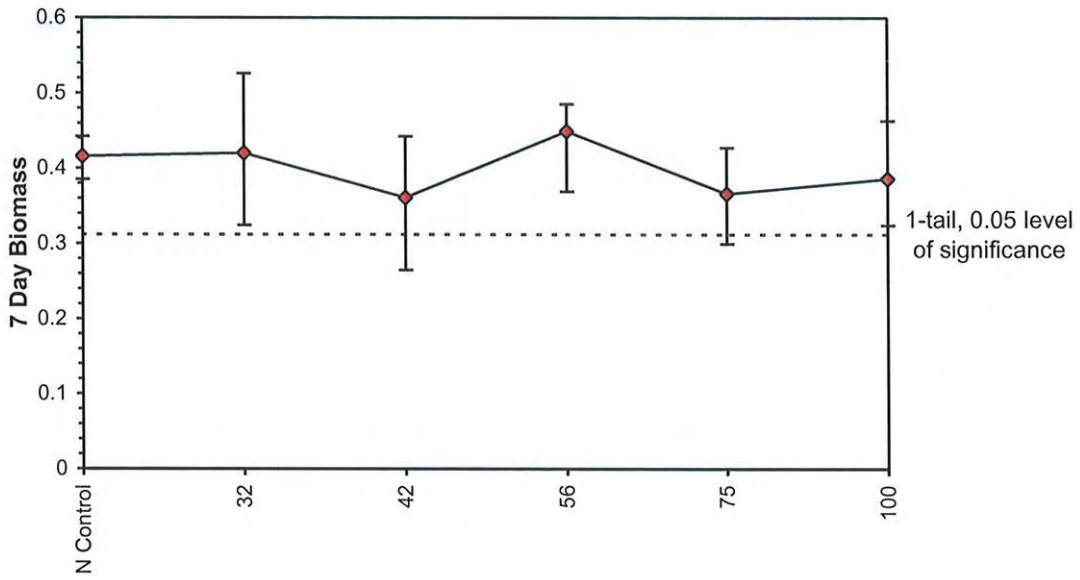
| Point | %      | SD | 95% CL(Exp) | Skew |
|-------|--------|----|-------------|------|
| IC05  | 61.086 |    |             |      |
| IC10  | 74.771 |    |             |      |
| IC15  | >100   |    |             |      |
| IC20  | >100   |    |             |      |
| IC25  | >100   |    |             |      |
| IC40  | >100   |    |             |      |
| IC50  | >100   |    |             |      |



Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Biomass

Start Date: 2/7/2009      Test ID: XXX0209017      Sample ID: CA0056294  
End Date: 2/14/2009      Lab ID: CAABC      Sample Type: AMB1-Ambient water  
Sample Date: 2/6/2009      Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013      Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas  
Comments: Eff

Dose-Response Plot



**Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Biomass**

|                       |                            |                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 2/7/2009  | Test ID: XXX0209017        | Sample ID: CA0056294                 |
| End Date: 2/14/2009   | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: AMB1-Ambient water      |
| Sample Date: 2/6/2009 | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 | Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas |
| Comments: Eff         |                            |                                      |

**Auxiliary Data Summary**

| Conc-%    | Parameter       | Mean   | Min    | Max    | SD    | CV%   | N |
|-----------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---|
| N Control | Temp C          | 24.30  | 24.00  | 24.90  | 0.32  | 2.33  | 8 |
| 32        |                 | 24.60  | 24.00  | 25.20  | 0.54  | 2.99  | 8 |
| 42        |                 | 24.64  | 24.00  | 25.20  | 0.55  | 3.00  | 8 |
| 56        |                 | 24.69  | 24.00  | 25.30  | 0.59  | 3.10  | 8 |
| 75        |                 | 24.76  | 24.00  | 25.50  | 0.65  | 3.26  | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 24.85  | 24.00  | 25.60  | 0.73  | 3.44  | 8 |
| N Control | pH              | 8.14   | 8.00   | 8.30   | 0.09  | 3.72  | 8 |
| 32        |                 | 8.01   | 7.90   | 8.30   | 0.16  | 4.92  | 8 |
| 42        |                 | 7.93   | 7.80   | 8.10   | 0.13  | 4.52  | 8 |
| 56        |                 | 7.83   | 7.70   | 8.00   | 0.10  | 4.11  | 8 |
| 75        |                 | 7.75   | 7.60   | 8.00   | 0.13  | 4.67  | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 8.08   | 7.90   | 8.20   | 0.09  | 3.69  | 8 |
| N Control | DO mg/L         | 7.63   | 6.70   | 7.90   | 0.42  | 8.47  | 8 |
| 32        |                 | 7.79   | 5.90   | 9.10   | 0.89  | 12.13 | 8 |
| 42        |                 | 7.44   | 5.90   | 8.30   | 0.83  | 12.25 | 8 |
| 56        |                 | 7.75   | 7.50   | 8.30   | 0.27  | 6.74  | 8 |
| 75        |                 | 7.61   | 5.70   | 9.30   | 1.52  | 16.19 | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 7.65   | 5.70   | 8.80   | 0.89  | 12.35 | 8 |
| N Control | Hardness mg/L   | 93.75  | 89.00  | 99.00  | 4.20  | 2.19  | 8 |
| 32        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 42        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 56        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 75        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 100       |                 | 212.50 | 203.00 | 217.00 | 5.93  | 1.15  | 8 |
| N Control | Alkalinity mg/L | 305.00 | 286.00 | 344.00 | 17.07 | 1.35  | 8 |
| 32        |                 | 562.38 | 465.00 | 766.00 | 98.15 | 1.76  | 8 |
| 42        |                 | 545.38 | 519.00 | 588.00 | 25.07 | 0.92  | 8 |
| 56        |                 | 626.38 | 603.00 | 642.00 | 15.92 | 0.64  | 8 |
| 75        |                 | 739.88 | 719.00 | 755.00 | 13.17 | 0.49  | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 898.75 | 886.00 | 919.00 | 13.22 | 0.40  | 8 |
| N Control | Conductivity    | 62.38  | 60.00  | 65.00  | 2.07  | 2.30  | 8 |
| 32        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 42        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 56        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 75        |                 | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 100       |                 | 144.25 | 141.00 | 146.00 | 2.19  | 1.03  | 8 |



TOXICITY TESTING • OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

March 31, 2009

Client  
City of California  
222 Any Rd.  
Anytown, CA 93000

Dear Client:

We are pleased to present the enclosed bioassay report. The test was conducted under guidelines prescribed in *Short-Term Methods for Measuring the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to West Coast Marine and Estuarine Organisms, EPA/R-95/136*. Results were as follows:

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| CLIENT:        | City of California   |
| SAMPLE I.D.:   | Plant Final Effluent |
| DATE RECEIVED: | 3 March - 09         |
| ABC LAB. NO.:  | XXX0309.074          |

#### CHRONIC SEA URCHIN FERTILIZATION BIOASSAY

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| NOEC =             | 5.60 %  |
| TU <sub>c</sub> =  | 17.86   |
| IC <sub>25</sub> = | >5.60 % |
| IC <sub>50</sub> = | >5.60 % |

Yours very truly,

*Scott C. Johnson*

Scott C. Johnson  
Laboratory Director

**Sperm Cell Fertilization Test-Proportion Fertilized**

|                                |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Start Date: 3/3/2009           | Test ID: XXX0309074            | Sample ID: CA0048143                           |
| End Date: 3/3/2009             | Lab ID: CAABC                  | Sample Type: EFF1-POTW                         |
| Sample Date: 3/3/2009          | Protocol: EPA600/R95/136, 1995 | Test Species: SP-Strongylocentrotus purpuratus |
| Comments: Plant Final Effluent |                                |  |

| Conc-%    | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N Control | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 0.56      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 1         | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 1.8       | 1.0000 | 0.9800 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 3.2       | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 5.6       | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |

| Conc-%    | Transform: Arcsin Square Root |        |        |        |        |       |   | Rank Sum | 1-Tailed Critical | Isotonic |        |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|
|           | Mean                          | N-Mean | Mean   | Min    | Max    | CV%   | N |          |                   | Mean     | N-Mean |
| N Control | 1.0000                        | 1.0000 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 0.000 | 4 |          |                   | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 0.56      | 1.0000                        | 1.0000 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 0.000 | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 1         | 1.0000                        | 1.0000 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 0.000 | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 1.8       | 0.9950                        | 0.9950 | 1.4978 | 1.4289 | 1.5208 | 3.067 | 4 | 16.00    | 10.00             | 0.9983   | 0.9983 |
| 3.2       | 1.0000                        | 1.0000 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 0.000 | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 0.9983   | 0.9983 |
| 5.6       | 1.0000                        | 1.0000 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 1.5208 | 0.000 | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 0.9983   | 0.9983 |

| Auxiliary Tests   | Statistic | Critical | Skew    | Kurt    |
|---|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Shapiro-Wilk's Test indicates non-normal distribution ( $p \leq 0.01$ ) | 0.46508   | 0.884    | -3.0206 | 13.9892 |

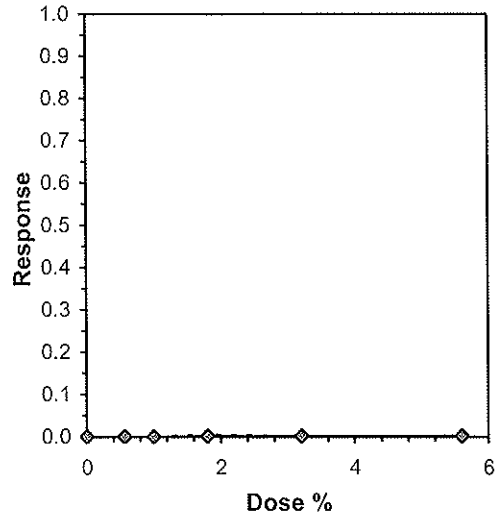
Equality of variance cannot be confirmed

| Hypothesis Test (1-tail, 0.05) | NOEC | LOEC | ChV | TU      |
|--------------------------------|------|------|-----|---------|
| Steel's Many-One Rank Test     | 5.6  | >5.6 |     | 17.8571 |

Treatments vs N Control

Linear Interpolation (200 Resamples)

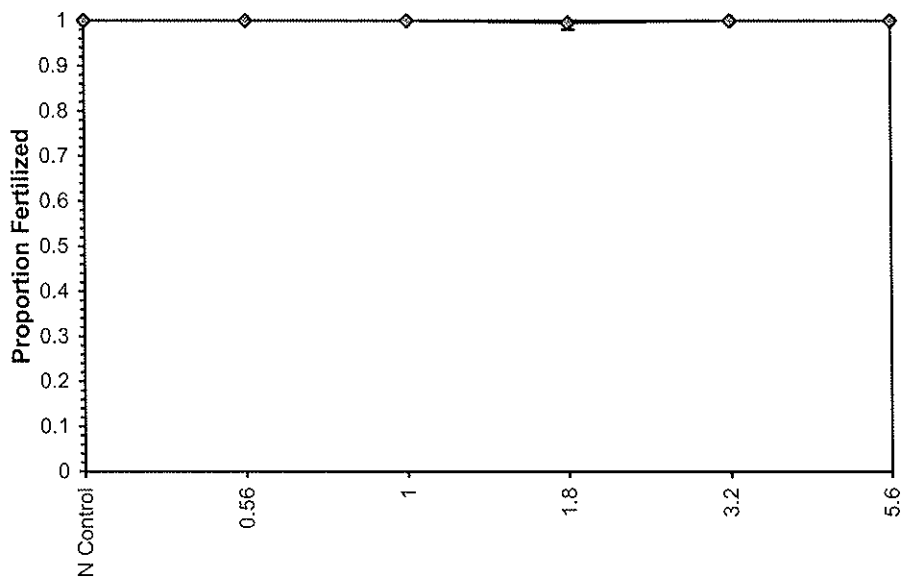
| Point | %    | SD | 95% CL(Exp) | Skew |
|-------|------|----|-------------|------|
| IC05  | >5.6 |    |             |      |
| IC10  | >5.6 |    |             |      |
| IC15  | >5.6 |    |             |      |
| IC20  | >5.6 |    |             |      |
| IC25  | >5.6 |    |             |      |
| IC40  | >5.6 |    |             |      |
| IC50  | >5.6 |    |             |      |



Sperm Cell Fertilization Test-Proportion Fertilized

|                                |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Start Date: 3/3/2009           | Test ID: XXX0309074            | Sample ID: CA0048143                           |
| End Date: 3/3/2009             | Lab ID: CAABC                  | Sample Type: EFF1-POTW                         |
| Sample Date: 3/3/2009          | Protocol: EPA600/R95/136, 1995 | Test Species: SP-Strongylocentrotus purpuratus |
| Comments: Plant Final Effluent |                                |  |

Dose-Response Plot



**Sperm Cell Fertilization Test-Proportion Fertilized**

|                                |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Start Date: 3/3/2009           | Test ID: XXX0309074            | Sample ID: CA0048143                           |
| End Date: 3/3/2009             | Lab ID: CAABC                  | Sample Type: EFF1-POTW                         |
| Sample Date: 3/3/2009          | Protocol: EPA600/R95/136, 1995 | Test Species: SP-Strongylocentrotus purpuratus |
| Comments: Plant Final Effluent |                                |  |

**Auxiliary Data Summary**

| Conc-%    | Parameter | Mean         | Min   | Max   | SD    | CV%  | N    |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| N Control | Temp C    | 15.20        | 15.20 | 15.20 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 0.56      |           | 15.20        | 15.20 | 15.20 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1         |           | 15.20        | 15.20 | 15.20 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1.8       |           | 15.20        | 15.20 | 15.20 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 3.2       |           | 15.20        | 15.20 | 15.20 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 5.6       |           | 15.20        | 15.20 | 15.20 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| N Control |           | pH           | 8.00  | 8.00  | 8.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.56      | 8.00      |              | 8.00  | 8.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1         | 8.00      |              | 8.00  | 8.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1.8       | 8.00      |              | 8.00  | 8.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 3.2       | 8.00      |              | 8.00  | 8.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 5.6       | 8.00      |              | 8.00  | 8.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| N Control | DO mg/L   |              | 7.60  | 7.60  | 7.60  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.56      |           | 7.10         | 7.10  | 7.10  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1         |           | 7.00         | 7.00  | 7.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1.8       |           | 7.00         | 7.00  | 7.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 3.2       |           | 6.80         | 6.80  | 6.80  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 5.6       |           | 6.70         | 6.70  | 6.70  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| N Control |           | Salinity ppt | 34.00 | 34.00 | 34.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 0.56      | 34.00     |              | 34.00 | 34.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1         | 34.00     |              | 34.00 | 34.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 1.8       | 34.00     |              | 34.00 | 34.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 3.2       | 33.00     |              | 33.00 | 33.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |
| 5.6       | 32.00     |              | 32.00 | 32.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 2    |



## APPENDIX 8.2. RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL

## SCOTT C. JOHNSON

### CORE COMPETENCIES:

- Laboratory Management - Managed all facets of the City of Los Angeles' Santa Monica Bay and Los Angeles River NPDES monitoring programs including water quality, benthic ecology, toxicity testing, reporting and permit negotiations.
- Project Management Managed the scheduling, budgeting, resource allocation, risk analysis, customer communications and conflict management for projects ranging from the environmental to software business areas.
- Technical Management - Lead teams composed of programmers, DBAs, statisticians, ecologists, and technical writers.
- Executive Management - Responsible for business planning/ market strategy, human resources, and finances.
- Presentation Skills - Skilled at scientific presentation, group facilitation, software demonstrations and training seminars.
- Proposals - Strategy and team development, pricing, writing, and contract negotiation.
- Science - Background includes laboratory and field biology, chemistry and statistics.

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY & EXPERIENCE:

#### **Aquatic Bioassay & Consulting Laboratories, Ventura CA**

##### **Laboratory Director, Director of Aquatic Operations & Environmental Consulting - January 2002 to present**

Mr. Johnson is responsible for all ocean and freshwater monitoring and laboratory operations, environmental assessments, reporting and marine consulting. He is responsible for the NPDES marine monitoring programs for the largest municipal dischargers on the central California coast including the cities of Oxnard, Goleta, Santa Barbara, Avalon and San Luis Obispo.

Other monitoring programs he is either responsible for or providing services to include the ongoing Marina del Rey TMDL survey, the Ventura River Assessment Program, Lake Elsinor monitoring program and the Haiwee Reservoir study. Mr. Johnson ensures that all field and laboratory operations are conducted with strict adherence to the proper protocols and that all results and reports are provided to the client in an accurate and timely fashion.

#### **eLabor. Camarillo. CA**

##### **Vice President, Professional Services - October 1999 to January 2002**

As Vice President in charge of the Professional Services Division, reporting directly to the CEO, Mr. Johnson was responsible for a staff composed of 50 employees mandated with the implementation and support of a workforce management product suite delivered as either a hosted (ASP) or premise based solution. His primary responsibilities include all divisional budgeting, P&L, human resources, strategic partners and customer relationships.

**Director, Project Services - February 1999 to October 1999**

As Director Mr. Johnson managed a team of project managers who were responsible for the successful implementation of client server database applications to Fortune 500 clients. My responsibilities included managing client relationships, company-wide revenue and resource forecasting, day-to-day project management operations such as scheduling, budgeting and resource allocations, project costing and technical sales. Additionally, I helped to establish the roles and responsibilities of the Director level position and worked with the executive management team to solve operational problems faced by this quickly growing company.

**JTS, Ojai, CA**

**Owner - October 1998 to June 1999**

As a sole proprietor I provided Independent consulting services to both private and government agencies in need of database and web site development, data synthesis, project management and technical writing.

**EcoAnalysis, Inc., Ojai, CA**

**President. 1996 to October 1998 .**

EcoAnalysis was an information and consulting services company composed of professional programmers, ecologists and managers specializing in information synthesis and the development of client server information management systems for the environmental industry.

Mr. Johnson was promoted to President by the Board of Directors to guide a restructuring process in 1997 that included:

defining the company vision, development of a detailed business plan that refocused the company and resulting in the development of 3 'core' software applications, expanded sales and marketing efforts nationwide, initiated negotiations for partnerships/acquisitions with several large environmental engineering firms/ and refinanced/restructured debt/loans.

He built relationships with targeted potential clients, strategic partners, and investment bankers; reviewed company cash flow, income and balance sheet reports; was responsible for hiring technical, management and support personnel; and lead the marketing and sales effort including strategic planning, proposal planning, advertising and presentations.

## SCOTT C JOHNSON

### **EcoAnalysis, Inc. (continued)**

Division Management. 1994 to 1996 .

Initially hired as the Director of the TOXIS product line (a toxicity testing database and analysis tool), Mr. Johnson was promoted to Division Manager of the Environmental Consulting Division.

In 1995 he was asked to lead the Information Management Division where his responsibilities included: leading the daily project related operations of the programming teams, statisticians and ecologists; personnel hiring, operations budgets and P&ls; initiation of marketing efforts and the generation of proposals.

### **Project Experience - 1994 to 1998 .**

Mr. Johnson managed the development of several large, client-server database systems for federal, state and municipal agencies that were striving to meet EPA regulatory standards.

His key strength is the management of technical and political issues that arise between project team members, the client and their regulatory agencies. On several occasions he assisted to facilitate compromise solutions between several separate technical groups within agencies to ensure project success.

He was responsible for ensuring successful project completion through aggressive management of staff schedules, milestones, resource allocation, implementation strategies, data model and application development, interfacing between the client and programmers, and contract disputes and resolutions.

### **City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA**

Laboratory Manager - 1992 to 1994

Laboratory Supervisor -1988 to 1992

Water Biologist - 1984 to 1988

As Laboratory Manager and Supervisor Mr. Johnson was in charge of the City of Los Angeles' NPDES ocean monitoring program for Santa Monica Bay that included administration of an annual budget and management of 33 professional staff.

The program was designed to assess the impacts of effluent emanating from the City's Hyperion Treatment Plant (420 MGD) on the water quality and biota of Santa Monica Bay. Mr. Johnson was responsible for assuring the timely and accurate completion of all NPDES ocean monitoring programs and reporting including:

bacteriology, benthic infauna and trawling, rig fishing, seafood consumption, water quality, chronic and acute bioassays and microlayer.

Other responsibilities included: Senior Editor of the Santa Monica Bay Annual Assessments Report, management of NPDES negotiations for the Hyperion Treatment Plants with the EPA and state regional board direct communications with the Department of Health Services and other agencies regarding bathing water standards and swimming safety in Santa Monica Bay . Mr. Johnson was Chairperson of the Southern California Toxicity Testing Association's Policy Committee (1990 to 1995).

As a Water Biologist, Mr. Johnson was responsible for the Los Angeles River monitoring program and participation in all facets of the Santa Monica Bay ocean monitoring program.

**County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles, Whittier, CA**  
**Laboratory Technician - 1982 to 1984**

As Laboratory Technician, Mr. Johnson participated in all facets of the Sanitation District's marine monitoring programs including benthic infauna, trawling, water quality, bacteriology, data entry and quality assurance.

EDUCATION

M.S. Biology, California State University, Long Beach - 1988

B.A. Biology, Minor Chemistry, California State University, Long Beach – 1981

Limnology Program, University Uppsala, Sweden - 1979

**THOMAS (TIM) MIKEL**  
**Senior Scientist**

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**AQUATIC BIOASSAY AND CONSULTING LABORATORIES**

**Laboratory President** (1988 to Present)

Experienced with regional, state, and federal environmental agencies. Specialist in statistical evaluation of environmental data. Joint Chair for Mollusk Section of 20th Edition of *Standard Methods*. Chair of Methods Committee for Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group (SCTAG). Co-chair of the 1998 Southern California Bight Pilot Project Toxicity Committee. Board Member of Southern California Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

**CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES**

**Laboratory Director** (1985 to 1988)

Director of 35 scientists and staff of a complete environmental bioassay, chemistry, bacteriology, and ocean monitoring laboratory. Designer and author of several new bioassay techniques. Frequent guest speaker for numerous environmental health agencies. Project manager for City of Oxnard, Chevron USA, and THUMS Long Beach ocean monitoring projects.

**JACOBS ENVIRONMENTAL**

**Laboratory Director** (1976 to 1985)

Director of Jacobs Ventura environmental laboratory. Designer of the Ecological Restoration Project of Upper Newport Bay. Developed hazardous waste bioassay and chemical analysis laboratories at this location. Responsible for all freshwater and marine NPDES bioassays. Project manager of all receiving water monitoring projects.

**VENTURA COLLEGE**

**Oceanography Instructor** (1978 to 1979)

Instructor for physical, chemical, and biological oceanography.

**SANTA BARBARA UNDERSEAS FOUNDATION**

**Assistant Director** (1974 to 1975)

Chief marine biologist for the Anacapa Island Underwater Nature Trail in cooperation with the U.S. National Park Service.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Marine Biologist** (1973 to 1974)

Chief marine biologist for intertidal surveys conducted near Big Sur, California. Served as chief biological consultant for team of professional archaeologists.

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

**M.A. 1975. Population and Aquatic Biology. University of California, Santa Barbara.**

**B.A. 1973. Marine Biology, California State University, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories.**

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

**Southern California Academy of Sciences**

Society of Environmental Toxicity and Chemistry. Board Member, Southern California Chapter.

*Standard Methods*, Joint Task Group Chair for 20th Edition (1996), Section 8610 - Molluscan Bioassays.

Southern California Bight Pilot Project – Toxicity Subcommittee Co-Chair.

Southern California Toxicology Assessment Group (SCTAG), Chair of the Methods Committee (since 1993)

Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists (SCAMIT).

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“The California Assessment Manual: Determination of Hazardous Wastes.” 1985. California Water Pollution Control Federation Journal.

“Ecological Restoration Project of Upper Newport Bay.” 1977. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“Marine Wastewater Outfalls as Artificial Reefs.” 1985. Bulletin of Marine Sciences.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**"Diversity-Abundance Relationships in Benthic Habitats of the Southern California Bight."** 2002. Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting.

**"Benthic Sediment Surveys of Haiwee Reservoir."** 2001 Southern California Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Annual Meeting.

**"Sediment Toxicity in the Southern California Bight Using Marine Amphipods."** 2000. Southern California Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Annual Meeting.

**"Marine Chronic Toxicity: Test of Effluent Quality from an Orange County Wastewater Treatment Plant."** 1996. Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. (with Tom Gerlinger).

**Afternoon Session Chair.** 1995. Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group (SCTAG), Annual Meeting and Toxicity Workshop.

**Afternoon Session Chair.** 1994. Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group (SCTAG), Annual Meeting and Statistics Workshop.

**"Experiments with Organic Buffers and Pure Oxygen for Ammonia Conversion in Acute Municipal Wastewater Bioassays."** 1993. Southern California Toxicity Assessment Group (SCTAG). Annual Meeting.

**"Chronic Toxicity Tests Using *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and Interpretation of Test Results Using "Toxstat"."** 1992. Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and University of California, Riverside Extension.

**"An Aquatic Bioassay Primer."** 1992. California Water Pollution Control Association.

**"Toxicity Testing - Acute and Chronic Bioassays."** 1991. California Water Pollution Control Association.

**"Chemical and Biological Analysis of Hazardous Waste."** 1987. Hazardous Materials Conference. Ventura County Environmental Health Department.

**"Sediment Bioassays Using Mysid Shrimp."** 1985. 10th Annual Aquatic Toxicity Symposium. American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

**"Determination of Hazardous Waste by Biological and Chemical Methods."** 1985. Hazardous Waste Compliance Workshop. Ventura County Environmental Health Department.

**"Marine Wastewater Outfalls as Artificial Reefs."** 1983. Third International Artificial Reef Conference.

### AWARDS AND HONORS

American Men and Women in Science. 1986 to Present.

Who's Who in America. 1996 to Present.

University of California Research Grant. 1975.

### SPECIAL FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE

Infaunal Ecology and Toxicity of of Harbor and Coastal Benthos

Statistical Evaluation of Environmental Data.

Oceanographic Sampling and Analysis, Marine Invertebrate Taxonomy.

Acute and Chronic, Freshwater and Marine Bioassays: Testing and Development.



MICHAEL J. MACHUZAK  
Senior Scientist

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

AQUATIC BIOASSAY AND CONSULTING LABORATORIES Assistant Laboratory Director (1996 to Present)

Responsible for chronic and acute, freshwater and marine bioassays; as well oceanographic field work at Aquatic Bioassay. Responsible for bioassay report preparation, set-up and analysis, client interface, and quality control. Mr. Machuzak is a member of the Bight 2008 Toxicity and Field Methods committees.

AB LAB AQUACULTURE INDUSTRIES, INC. Director (1988 to 1996)

Responsible for the quality control, collection, maintenance, production, and shipping of live commercial abalone. Design and maintained grow-out facilities in Oxnard and Port Hueneme, California.

CHEMICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES Chief Marine Biologist (1985 to 1986)

Supervisor of the Biology Department involving bioassays, microbiology, benthic taxonomy and oceanographic research surveys. Responsible for the quality control of the marine research and bioassay programs. Involved in client contact and interface with California and Federal regulatory agencies.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

1981. Biology. Eastern Kentucky University.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Southern California Toxicology Assessment Group (SCTAG). Methods, QNQC, and Policy Subcommittees.

Southern California Environmental Chemists Society (SCECS).

American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM).

Southern California Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicologists and Chemists (SETAC)

PUBLICATIONS

"Drilling Fluid Bioassays Using Pacific Ocean Mysid Shrimp, *Acanthomysis sculpta*, a Preliminary Introduction." Aquatic Toxicology and Hazard Assessment: 10th Vol. ASTM STP 971. American Society of Testing and Materials. 1988 (with Thomas Mikel).

"Observations of Growth Responses on Red Abalone, *Haliotis rufescens* When Subjected to Various Types of Natural, Non-Marine and Artificial Diets." Second International Symposium on Abalone Biology, Fisheries Culture, February 1994.

SPECIAL FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE

Acute and Chronic, Freshwater and Marine Bioassays.

Oceanographic Sampling and Analysis.

Environmental Chemical and Bacteriological Testing.

Quality Control

Karin J. Wisenbaker  
Marine Biologist

MS. WISENBAKER IS A MARINE BIOLOGIST WITH AQUATIC BIOASSAY AND CONSULTING LABORATORIES IN VENTURA, CA. AT AQUATIC BIOASSAY SHE IS THE FIELD MANAGER OF BOTH THE FRESHWATER BIOASSESSMENT AND MARINE MONITORING PROGRAMS FOR CLIENTS WHO REPRESENT SOME OF THE LARGEST STATE AND MUNICIPAL AGENCIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HER PRIMARY AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE MARINE AND FRESHWATER ECOLOGY, DATA MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING.



**PROJECT EXPERIENCE:**

**Marine Monitoring** - Ms. Wisenbaker is the field manager of the marine monitoring programs for several central and southern California agencies including the Goleta Sanitary District, the Cities of Oxnard, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland, Avalon and Carpinteria, and the Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors. These programs include sampling and analysis for ichthyoplankton, water quality, sediment chemistry and toxicity, bioaccumulation, trawled organisms, benthic infauna, and microbiology. For each of these programs, Ms. Wisenbaker is responsible for equipment maintenance, field mobilization, and data management. Ms. Wisenbaker also manages Aquatic Bioassay's infauna sorting laboratory. Ms. Wisenbaker began her career with the Southern California Marine Institute where she was the Environmental Projects Coordinator.

**Freshwater Bioassessment Monitoring** - Ms. Wisenbaker is the field manager responsible for coordinating and mobilizing bioassessment monitoring for three of southern California's largest ambient watershed monitoring programs and numerous NPDES point source discharge agencies. Some of these include the Ventura, Riverside and Malibu Watershed Protection Agencies, and the Cities of Ventura, Camarillo, Simi Valley, Moorpark and the Newhall Land and Farming Company.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY & EXPERIENCE:**

**Aquatic Bioassay & Consulting Laboratories, Ventura CA**

**Marine Biologist - September 2003 to present**

Ms. Wisenbaker is responsible for the mobilization and sampling of ocean and freshwater monitoring, data management as well as managing the infauna and benthic macroinvertebrate sorting laboratory. She is responsible for mobilizing the field work of freshwater bioassessment and marine monitoring programs for some of the largest agencies in southern California including the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors, the Ventura County Watershed District, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, the State of California's Contaminated Sediments Task Force, the City of Oxnard, the Goleta Sanitary District, the City of Santa Barbara, the City of Avalon and the City of San Luis Obispo. Ms. Wisenbaker ensures all the field sampling gear is in good condition and that field and laboratory operations are conducted with strict adherence to the proper protocols.

**Southern California Marine Institute, Terminal Island CA**

**Environmental Projects Coordinator - September 2001 to August 2003**

As Environmental Projects Coordinator, Ms. Wisenbaker was a citizen water quality monitoring coordinator. Her responsibilities included water quality training, education,

the development of quality assurance protocols, data management and report writing. Ms. Wisenbaker wrote and implemented grants for water quality studies and collected and reported oceanographic data off of volunteer observation ships for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration.

**Instructional Technician – March 1994 – August 2001**

Ms. Wisenbaker taught students from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to college onboard three scientific research vessels. Her responsibilities included teaching of the local marine flora and fauna and to demonstrate the use of scientific gear such as otter trawls, CTD, van Veen grabs, and plankton nets. Ms. Wisenbaker was also an on board technician during scientific research trips with researchers from universities and consulting firms. She was responsible for the maintenance of all on board scientific gear.

**EDUCATION**

B.S. Biology, California State University, Northridge - 2000

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Southern California Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicologist and Chemists (SETAC)
- Member Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists (SCAMIT)
- Member Southern California Academy of Sciences (SCAS)

Beth Maturino  
Lead Technician

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**AQUATIC BIOASSAY AND CONSULTING LABORATORIES**

Aquatic Biologist (1994 to Present)

Responsible for chronic and acute, freshwater and marine bioassays at Aquatic Bioassay. Responsible for bioassay report preparation, set-up and analysis, client interface, and quality control. Responsible for bacteriological analysis of receiving water samples as well as bacteriological QA/QC.

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

Technical training, Biology. St. Luis University Baguio City, Phillipines

**SPECIAL FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE**

Acute and Chronic, Freshwater and Marine Bioassays.

Sediment Bioassays.

Environmental Chemical and Bacteriological Testing.

Health and Maintenance of Marine and Freshwater Bioassay Organisms.

**Joseph Freas**  
**Lead Technician**

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**AQUATIC BIOASSAY AND CONSULTING LABORATORIES**

Aquatic Biologist (July 2006 to Present)

Responsible for chronic and acute, freshwater and marine bioassays at Aquatic Bioassay. Responsible for bioassay report preparation, set-up and analysis, client interface, and quality control.

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

B.S. 2006. Biology. California State University Channel Islands

**SPECIAL FIELDS OF KNOWLEDGE**

Acute and Chronic, Freshwater and Marine Bioassays.

Freshwater and Marine sediment toxicity bioassays.

Data analysis and report preparation.

Health and Maintenance of Marine and Freshwater Bioassay Organisms.

## APPENDIX 8.3. EXAMPLE OF A CHRONIC BIOASSAY WORKSHEET

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS DATA SHEET- \_\_\_\_\_

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Lab#: \_\_\_\_\_

End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

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Residual Chlorine 1<sup>st</sup> Sample \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sample \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sample \_\_\_\_\_

CERIODAPHNIA SURVIVAL & REPRODUCTION -

*Aquatic Bioassay & Consulting Laboratories, Inc.*

START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAB #: \_\_\_\_\_

END DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RECD: \_\_\_\_\_

| Conc. | Day#  | Initials | # YOUNG / REPLICATE |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |
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| 10%   | 3     | -        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |
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|       | Total | -        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |
| 18%   | 3     | -        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |
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| 32%   | 3     | -        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |
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|       | 7     | -        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |
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| 100%  | 3     | -        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |  |
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ABC LABORATORIES - FATHEAD MINNOW GROWTH

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| CHAMBER NUMBER | EFF. CONC. | REPL. # | NUMBER FISH | BOAT TARE | BOAT + FISH | FISH WEIGHT (g) | AVG. WT. PER FISH (g) |  |
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APPENDIX 8.4. DOHS LABORATORY CERTIFICATION



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

**ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION**

Is hereby granted to

**AQUATIC BIOASSAY & CONSULTING LABORATORIES, INC.**

29 NORTH OLIVE STREET  
VENTURA, CA 93001


Scope of certification is limited to the  
"Accredited Fields of Testing"  
which accompanies this Certificate.

Continued certification status depends on successful completion of site visit,  
proficiency testing studies, and payment of applicable fees.

This Certificate is granted in accordance with provisions of  
Section 100825, et seq. of the Health and Safety Code.

Certificate No.: **1907**  
Expiration Date: **07/31/2009**  
Effective Date: **07/01/2007**

Richmond, California  
subject to forfeiture or revocation

  
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Program Chief  
Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program

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Certificate No: 1907      Renew Date: 07/31/2007

**Field of Testing: 107 - Microbiology of Wastewater**

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|---------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|
| 107.020 | 001 | Total Coliform     | SM9221B            |
| 107.040 | 001 | Fecal Coliform     | SM9221C,E (MTF/EC) |
| 107.100 | 001 | Fecal Streptococci | SM9230B            |
| 107.100 | 002 | Enterococci        | SM9230B            |

**Field of Testing: 108 - Inorganic Chemistry of Wastewater**

|         |     |                           |           |
|---------|-----|---------------------------|-----------|
| 108.050 | 001 | pH                        | EPA 150.1 |
| 108.251 | 001 | Dissolved Oxygen          | EPA 360.2 |
| 108.590 | 001 | Biochemical Oxygen Demand | SM5210B   |

**Field of Testing: 113 - Whole Effluent Toxicity of Wastewater**

|         |      |                                       |   |
|---------|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 113.010 | 001A | Fathead Minnow ( <i>P. promelas</i> ) | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static                   |
| 113.010 | 001B | Fathead Minnow ( <i>P. promelas</i> ) | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static Renewal           |
| 113.010 | 003A | Rainbow trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> )    | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static                   |
| 113.010 | 003B | Rainbow trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> )    | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static Renewal           |
| 113.010 | 005A | Daphnid ( <i>C. dubia</i> )           | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static                   |
| 113.010 | 005B | Daphnid ( <i>C. dubia</i> )           | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static Renewal           |
| 113.010 | 006A | Daphnia spp.                          | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static                   |
| 113.010 | 006B | Daphnia spp.                          | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static Renewal           |
| 113.010 | 008A | Topsmelt ( <i>A. affinis</i> )        | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static                   |
| 113.010 | 008B | Topsmelt ( <i>A. affinis</i> )        | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static Renewal           |
| 113.010 | 009A | Silverside ( <i>Menidia</i> spp.)     | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static                   |
| 113.010 | 009B | Silverside ( <i>Menidia</i> spp.)     | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static Renewal           |
| 113.010 | 012A | Mysid ( <i>M. bahia</i> )             | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static                   |
| 113.010 | 012B | Mysid ( <i>M. bahia</i> )             | EPA 600/4-90/027F, Static Renewal           |
| 113.021 | 001A | Fathead Minnow ( <i>P. promelas</i> ) | EPA 2000 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static         |
| 113.021 | 001B | Fathead Minnow ( <i>P. promelas</i> ) | EPA 2000 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static Renewal |
| 113.022 | 003A | Rainbow trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> )    | EPA 2019 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static         |
| 113.022 | 003B | Rainbow trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> )    | EPA 2019 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static Renewal |
| 113.023 | 005A | Daphnid ( <i>C. dubia</i> )           | EPA 2002 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static         |
| 113.023 | 005B | Daphnid ( <i>C. dubia</i> )           | EPA 2002 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static Renewal |
| 113.024 | 006A | Daphnia spp.                          | EPA 2021 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static         |
| 113.024 | 006B | Daphnia spp.                          | EPA 2021 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static Renewal |
| 113.025 | 009A | Silverside ( <i>Menidia</i> spp.)     | EPA 2006 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static         |
| 113.025 | 009B | Silverside ( <i>Menidia</i> spp.)     | EPA 2006 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static Renewal |
| 113.027 | 012A | Mysid ( <i>M. bahia</i> )             | EPA 2007 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static         |
| 113.027 | 012B | Mysid ( <i>M. bahia</i> )             | EPA 2007 (EPA-821-R-02-012), Static Renewal |

As of 12/04/2006, this list supersedes all previous lists for this certificate number.  
Customers: Please verify the current accreditation standing with the State.

|         |      |  |                                      |
|---------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| 113.028 | 008A | Topsmelt ( <i>A. affinis</i> )             | EPA-821-R-02-012, Static             |
| 113.028 | 008B | Topsmelt ( <i>A. affinis</i> )             | EPA-821-R-02-012, Static Renewal     |
| 113.040 | 001  | Fathead Minnow ( <i>P. promelas</i> )      | EPA 1000 (EPA/600/4-91/002)          |
| 113.041 | 001  | Fathead Minnow ( <i>P. promelas</i> )      | EPA 1000 (EPA-821-R-02-013)          |
| 113.050 | 005  | Daphnid ( <i>C. dubia</i> )                | EPA 1002 (EPA/600/4-91/002)          |
| 113.051 | 005  | Daphnid ( <i>C. dubia</i> )                | EPA 1002 (EPA-821-R-02-013)          |
| 113.060 | 020  | Green algae ( <i>S. capricornutum</i> )    | EPA 1003 (EPA/600/4-91/002)          |
| 113.061 | 020  | Green algae ( <i>S. capricornutum</i> )    | EPA 1003 (EPA-821-R-02-013)          |
| 113.080 | 009  | Silverside ( <i>Menidia</i> spp.)          | EPA 1006 (EPA/600/4-91/003)          |
| 113.081 | 009  | Silverside ( <i>Menidia</i> spp.)          | EPA 1006 (EPA-821-R-02-014)          |
| 113.090 | 012  | Mysid ( <i>M. bahia</i> )                  | EPA 1007 (EPA/600/4-91/003)          |
| 113.091 | 012  | Mysid ( <i>M. bahia</i> )                  | EPA 1007 (EPA-821-R-02-014)          |
| 113.120 | 008  | Topsmelt ( <i>A. affinis</i> )             | EPA 600/R-95/136                     |
| 113.120 | 017D | Purple sea urchin ( <i>S. purpuratus</i> ) | EPA 600/R-95/136, Fertilization Test |
| 113.120 | 017E | Purple sea urchin ( <i>S. purpuratus</i> ) | EPA 600/R-95/136, Development Test   |
| 113.120 | 022  | Giant kelp ( <i>M. pyrifera</i> )          | EPA 600/R-95/136                     |
| 113.120 | 023  | Red abalone ( <i>H. rufescens</i> )        | EPA 600/R-95/136                     |

**Field of Testing: 119 - Toxicity Bioassay of Hazardous Waste**

|         |     |                                       |                               |
|---------|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 119.010 | 001 | Fathead Minnow ( <i>P. promelas</i> ) | Polisini & Miller (CDFG 1988) |
| 119.010 | 003 | Rainbow trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> )    | Polisini & Miller (CDFG 1988) |

**Field of Testing: 126 - Microbiology of Recreational Water**

|         |     |                                   |             |
|---------|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 126.010 | 001 | Total Coliform (Enumeration)      | SM9221A,B,C |
| 126.030 | 001 | Fecal Coliform (Enumeration)      | SM9221E     |
| 126.050 | 001 | Total Coliform and <i>E. coli</i> | SM9223      |
| 126.080 | 001 | Enterococci                       | IDEXX       |

## APPENDIX 8.5. MOST RECENT DMR & WP STUDY RESULTS



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**DMR-QA 28**  **Final Report**

**DMR-QA Proficiency Testing**

**DMR-QA Study**

**Open Date: 05/01/08**

**Close Date: 08/29/08**

**Report Issued Date: 10/17/08**



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Study: **DMR-QA 28**

ERA Customer Number: **A548301**

Laboratory Name: **Aquatic Bioassay**

## WET Results







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EPA ID: CA00021  
ERA Customer Number: A548301  
Report Issued: 10/17/08  
Study Dates: 05/01/08 - 08/29/08

| Anal. No. | Test End Point | Reported Value % | Assigned Value % | Acceptance Limits % | Performance Evaluation | Method Description |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|-----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|

**DMRQA Fathead minnow (Test Code 13)**  
**48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 25° C, MHSF**  
**Ammonium phosphate dibasic**

|      |      |      |      |             |            |          |
|------|------|------|------|-------------|------------|----------|
| 0754 | LC50 | 38.6 | 28.0 | 11.5 - 44.4 | Acceptable | EPA 2000 |
|------|------|------|------|-------------|------------|----------|

**DMRQA Fathead minnow (Test Code 15)**  
**7-day Short term Chronic, Daily Renewal, MHSF**  
**Ammonium phosphate dibasic**

|      |                  |       |      |             |                |          |
|------|------------------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 0808 | IC25 (ON) Growth | 51.63 | 31.1 | 15.9 - 46.2 | Not Acceptable | EPA 1000 |
| 0809 | IC25 (SN) Growth |       | 38.5 | 9.67 - 67.3 | Not Reported   |          |
| 0810 | NOEC (ON) Growth | 50    | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Acceptable     | EPA 1000 |
| 0811 | NOEC (SN) Growth |       | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Not Reported   |          |
| 0756 | NOEC Survival    | 50    | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Acceptable     | EPA 1000 |

**DMRQA Ceriodaphnia dubia (Test Code 19)**  
**48Hr., Acute Renewal, 25° C, MHSF**  
**Ammonium phosphate dibasic**

|      |      |       |      |             |                |          |
|------|------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| 0764 | LC50 | > 100 | 53.7 | 11.7 - 95.7 | Not Acceptable | EPA 2002 |
|------|------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|----------|

**DMRQA Ceriodaphnia dubia (Test Code 21)**  
**7-day Short term Chronic, Daily Renewal, MHSF**  
**Potassium chloride**

|      |                   |       |      |             |            |          |
|------|-------------------|-------|------|-------------|------------|----------|
| 0767 | IC25 Reproduction | 24.62 | 27.8 | 14.6 - 41.1 | Acceptable | EPA 1002 |
| 0768 | NOEC Reproduction | 25    | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Acceptable | EPA 1002 |
| 0766 | NOEC Survival     | 25    | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Acceptable | EPA 1002 |

**DMRQA Daphnia magna (Test Code 32)**  
**48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 20° C, MHSF**  
**Potassium chloride**

|      |      |      |      |             |            |          |
|------|------|------|------|-------------|------------|----------|
| 0788 | LC50 | 75.8 | 64.4 | 51.0 - 77.8 | Acceptable | EPA 2021 |
|------|------|------|------|-------------|------------|----------|

**DMRQA Mysid (Test Code 42)**  
**48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 20° C, 40 FSW**  
**Potassium chloride**

|      |      |      |      |             |            |          |
|------|------|------|------|-------------|------------|----------|
| 0798 | LC50 | 48.3 | 38.4 | 14.8 - 61.9 | Acceptable | EPA 2007 |
|------|------|------|------|-------------|------------|----------|

**DMRQA Mysid (Test Code 43)**  
**7-day Short term Chronic, Daily Renewal, 40 FSW**  
**Potassium chloride**

|      |                  |      |      |             |              |          |
|------|------------------|------|------|-------------|--------------|----------|
| 0816 | IC25 (ON) Growth | 34.7 | 31.9 | 25.3 - 38.6 | Acceptable   | EPA 1007 |
| 0817 | IC25 (SN) Growth |      | 32.1 | 9.29 - 54.8 | Not Reported |          |
| 0818 | NOEC (ON) Growth | 25   | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Acceptable   | EPA 1007 |
| 0819 | NOEC (SN) Growth |      | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Not Reported |          |
| 0799 | NOEC Survival    | 25   | 25.0 | 12.5 - 50.0 | Acceptable   | EPA 1007 |





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**ERA Customer Number:** A548301  
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**Study Dates:** 05/01/08 - 08/29/08

| Anal. No.                                       | Test End Point | Reported Value % | Assigned Value % | Acceptance Limits % | Performance Evaluation | Method Description |
|---|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>DMRQA Inland silverside (Test Code 44)</i>   |                |                  |                  |                     |                        |                    |
| <i>48Hr., Acute, Non-Renewal, 20° C, 40 FSW</i> |                |                  |                  |                     |                        |                    |
| <i>Phenol</i>                                   |                |                  |                  |                     |                        |                    |
| 0803  | LC50           | 37.4             | 30.1             | 16.5 - 43.7         | Acceptable             | EPA 2006           |



All analytes are included in ERA's A2LA accreditation. Lab Code: 1539-01





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October 24, 2008

Dear Client:

In response to the "Not Acceptable" performance evaluation for EPA Method Test Code 15, *Fathead Minnow*, 7-day Short term chronic, Daily renewal, IC25 (ON) Growth and Method Test Code 19, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, 48 Hr. Acute renewal, 25°, LC50 for the recent DMR-QA Study 28 we have determined the following.

The initial tests were conducted in duplicate. For test code 15, chronic fathead minnow test we had results of 55.2 and 48.1 for the IC25 growth. The averaged value of these two tests, 51.63 was reported. The test acceptance limits were 15.9-46.2. All other endpoints for this test were acceptable. We examined all test procedures with all analysts involved and determined there were no deviations from normal test procedures. Since our results for the other test endpoints were at the upper end of the acceptable range it is apparent that the fish used for this testing had uniformly more resistance to the ERA supplied unknown toxicant. We have used the same organism supplier for numerous years with success. Our internal reference toxicant tests are consistently acceptable. As populations of fathead minnows vary, the instance of having one test near, above or below, the test range is not abnormal. In addition, our reported value for the IC25 was only slightly higher than the upper end of the acceptance limit. Regardless, we immediately ordered backup check samples to further investigate this discrepancy.

With regard to 48 hr. acute LC50 results for test code 19, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, Again this test was conducted in duplicate and both resulted in an LC50 >100. We examined all test procedures with all analysts involved and determined there were no deviations from normal test procedures. Since the upper range of the test acceptance limits were nearly 96% and as populations of *Ceriodaphnia dubia* vary, the instance of having one test near, above or below, the test range is not abnormal. Regardless, we immediately ordered backup check samples to further investigate this discrepancy.

The results of the back-up support testing will be supplied and discussed as soon as they are available.

The results of these tests reinforce the EPA guidance that multiple tests better define a waste.

Yours very truly,

Michael Machuzak  
Laboratory Manager



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November 13, 2008

Dear Client:

Enclosed you will find results from our backup check samples that we tested in relation to our DMR-QA Study 28 "Not Acceptable" results that were presented in our letter to you dated 24 October 2008.

Additional testing was conducted with fathead minnows, *Pimephales promelas*. We ordered a check sample from ERA and conducted a 7 day chronic toxicity test. The results of that test were in agreement with the ERA certified values. The certified survival NOEC endpoint was 25%. Our results were 25%. The certified growth NOEC was 25%. Our NOEC was 25% for the growth endpoint. The certified endpoint for the IC25 was 29.9% with an acceptance range of 22.0%-37.7%. Our result for this endpoint was 30.89%.

The check sample we tested with the water flea, *Ceriodaphnia dubia*, was also in agreement. The certified value for the 48 hour IC50 was 48.9% with an acceptance range of 20.0%-77.8%. Our result for this endpoint was 50.0%.

We found no other discrepancies with our routine test procedures.

The results of these tests reinforce the EPA guidance that multiple tests better define a waste.

Yours very truly,

Michael Machuzak  
Laboratory Manager



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**CHRONIC FATHEAD MINNOW SURVIVAL AND GROWTH BIOASSAY**

DATE: 28 October 2008

STANDARD TOXICANT: ERA QA LOT # Q027-004

ENDPOINT: SURVIVAL

**NOEC = 25.00 %**

IC25 = 30.29 %

IC50 = 37.50 %

ENDPOINT: GROWTH

**NOEC = 25.00 %**

**IC25 = 30.89 %**

IC50 = 37.98 %

Yours very truly,

Thomas (Tim) Mikel  
Laboratory Director

**Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Survival**

|  |                            |                                      |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 10/28/2008                               | Test ID: DMRQA28           | Sample ID: CODE 15                   |
| End Date: 11/4/2008                                  | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: ERA QC Lot# Q027-004    |
| Sample Date: 10/28/2008                              | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 | Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas |
| Comments: DMRQA 28 Code 15 Tox Standard Check Sample |                            |                                      |

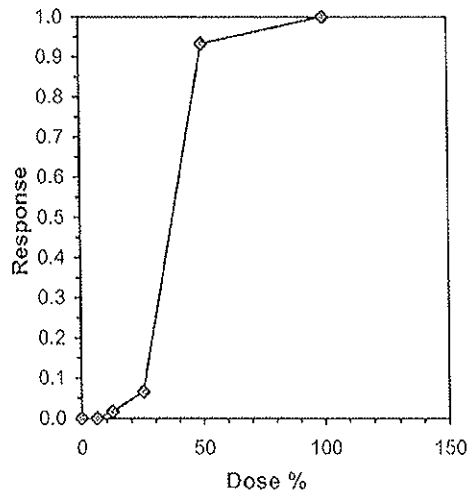
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|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N Control | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 6.25      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 12.5      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.9333 |
| 25        | 1.0000 | 0.8667 | 0.9333 | 0.9333 |
| 50        | 0.0667 | 0.2000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 100       | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

| Conc-%    | Mean   | N-Mean | Transform: Arcsin Square Root |        |        |        |   | Rank Sum | 1-Tailed Critical | Isotonic |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|
|           |        |        | Mean                          | Min    | Max    | CV%    | N |          |                   | Mean     | N-Mean |
| N Control | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.4413                        | 1.4413 | 1.4413 | 0.000  | 4 |          |                   | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 6.25      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.4413                        | 1.4413 | 1.4413 | 0.000  | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 12.5      | 0.9833 | 0.9833 | 1.4084                        | 1.3096 | 1.4413 | 4.675  | 4 | 16.00    | 10.00             | 0.9833   | 0.9833 |
| 25        | 0.9333 | 0.9333 | 1.3144                        | 1.1970 | 1.4413 | 7.600  | 4 | 12.00    | 10.00             | 0.9333   | 0.9333 |
| *50       | 0.0667 | 0.0667 | 0.2459                        | 0.1295 | 0.4636 | 64.190 | 4 | 10.00    | 10.00             | 0.0667   | 0.0667 |
| *100      | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1295                        | 0.1295 | 0.1295 | 0.000  | 4 | 10.00    | 10.00             | 0.0000   | 0.0000 |

| Auxiliary Tests   | Statistic | Critical | Skew    | Kurt    |
|---|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Shapiro-Wilk's Test indicates non-normal distribution (p <= 0.01)<br>Equality of variance cannot be confirmed | 0.7759    | 0.884    | 0.87231 | 3.38396 |
| Hypothesis Test (1-tail, 0.05)  | NOEC      | LOEC     | ChV     | TU      |
| Steel's Many-One Rank Test  | 25        | 50       | 35.3553 | 4       |
| Treatments vs N Control   |           |          |         |         |

**Linear Interpolation (200 Resamples)**

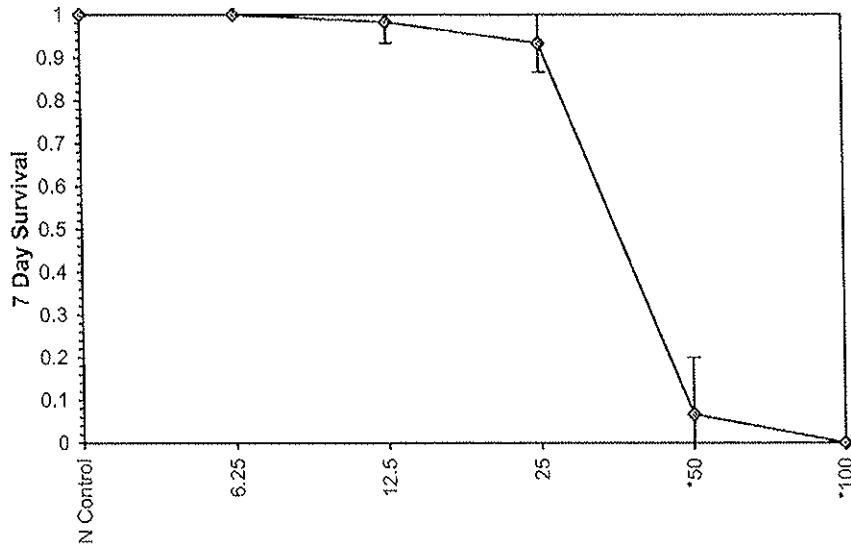
| Point | %      | SD    | 95% CL(Exp) |        | Skew    |
|-------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|---------|
| IC05  | 20.833 | 3.502 | 11.400      | 28.929 | -0.4488 |
| IC10  | 25.962 | 0.866 | 21.554      | 27.996 | -2.0444 |
| IC15  | 27.404 | 0.625 | 25.374      | 29.391 | -0.1322 |
| IC20  | 28.846 | 0.601 | 27.216      | 30.859 | -0.0173 |
| IC25  | 30.288 | 0.589 | 28.619      | 32.439 | 0.1136  |
| IC40  | 34.615 | 0.627 | 33.049      | 36.930 | 0.4945  |
| IC50  | 37.500 | 0.706 | 35.895      | 40.115 | 0.6530  |



Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Survival

Start Date: 10/28/2008 Test ID: DMRQA28 Sample ID: CODE 15  
End Date: 11/4/2008 Lab ID: CAABC Sample Type: ERA QC Lot# Q027-004  
Sample Date: 10/28/2008 Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas  
Comments: DMRQA 28 Code 15 Tox Standard Check Sample

Dose-Response Plot



**Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Biomass**

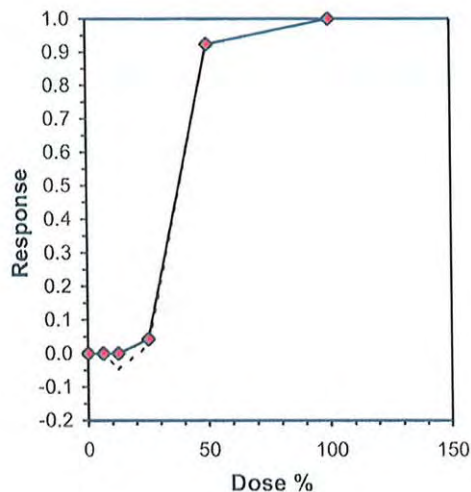
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|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 10/28/2008                               | Test ID: DMRQA28           | Sample ID: CODE 15                   |
| End Date: 11/4/2008                                  | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: ERA QA Lot#Q027-004     |
| Sample Date: 10/28/2008                              | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 | Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas |
| Comments: DMRQA 28 Code 15 Tox Standard Check Sample |                            |                                      |

| Conc-%    | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N Control | 0.2880 | 0.3113 | 0.3280 | 0.3447 |
| 6.25      | 0.3180 | 0.3173 | 0.3093 | 0.3240 |
| 12.5      | 0.3453 | 0.3293 | 0.3400 | 0.3200 |
| 25        | 0.3093 | 0.2880 | 0.3320 | 0.3080 |
| 50        | 0.0240 | 0.0740 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| 100       | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

| Conc-%    | Mean   | N-Mean | Transform: Untransformed |        |        |         |   | Rank Sum | 1-Tailed Critical | Isotonic |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|
|           |        |        | Mean                     | Min    | Max    | CV%     | N |          |                   | Mean     | N-Mean |
| N Control | 0.3180 | 1.0000 | 0.3180                   | 0.2880 | 0.3447 | 7.607   | 4 |          |                   | 0.3229   | 1.0000 |
| 6.25      | 0.3172 | 0.9974 | 0.3172                   | 0.3093 | 0.3240 | 1.899   | 4 | 17.00    | 10.00             | 0.3229   | 1.0000 |
| 12.5      | 0.3337 | 1.0493 | 0.3337                   | 0.3200 | 0.3453 | 3.381   | 4 | 22.00    | 10.00             | 0.3229   | 1.0000 |
| 25        | 0.3093 | 0.9727 | 0.3093                   | 0.2880 | 0.3320 | 5.815   | 4 | 15.50    | 10.00             | 0.3093   | 0.9579 |
| *50       | 0.0245 | 0.0770 | 0.0245                   | 0.0000 | 0.0740 | 142.390 | 4 | 10.00    | 10.00             | 0.0245   | 0.0759 |
| *100      | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000                   | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.000   | 4 | 10.00    | 10.00             | 0.0000   | 0.0000 |

| Auxiliary Tests  | Statistic | Critical | Skew    | Kurt    |
|--|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Shapiro-Wilk's Test indicates normal distribution (p > 0.01) | 0.91947   | 0.884    | 0.78616 | 2.00137 |
| Equality of variance cannot be confirmed                     |           |          |         |         |
| Hypothesis Test (1-tail, 0.05)                               | NOEC      | LOEC     | ChV     | TU      |
| Steel's Many-One Rank Test                                   | 25        | 50       | 35.3553 | 4       |
| Treatments vs N Control                                      |           |          |         |         |

| Linear Interpolation (200 Resamples) |        |       |             |        |         |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Point                                | %      | SD    | 95% CL(Exp) |        | Skew    |
| IC05                                 | 25.223 | 2.989 | 10.759      | 27.035 | -2.1979 |
| IC10                                 | 26.640 | 1.020 | 23.763      | 28.353 | -3.1093 |
| IC15                                 | 28.057 | 0.731 | 25.696      | 29.778 | -0.5137 |
| IC20                                 | 29.474 | 0.719 | 27.190      | 31.398 | -0.3419 |
| IC25                                 | 30.892 | 0.721 | 28.588      | 33.090 | -0.1339 |
| IC40                                 | 35.143 | 0.805 | 32.822      | 38.369 | 0.4582  |
| IC50                                 | 37.978 | 0.913 | 35.569      | 41.764 | 0.6812  |

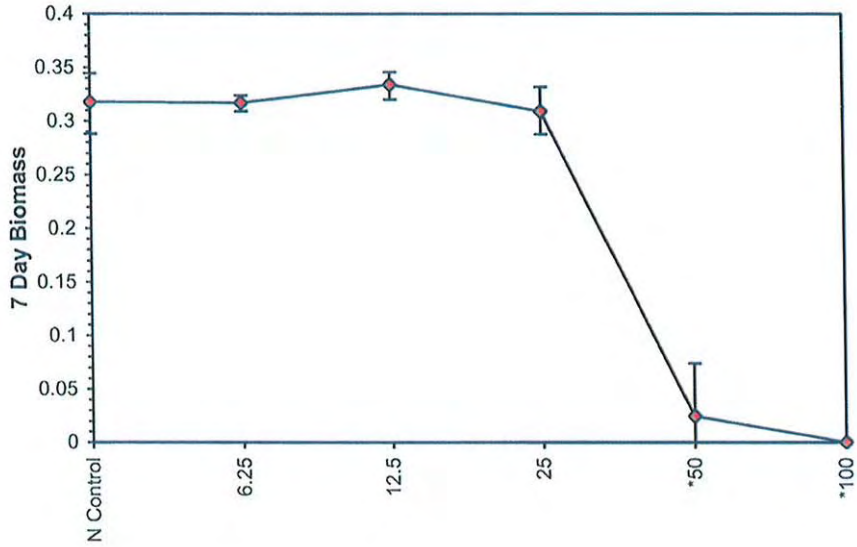




Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Biomass

|  |                            |                                      |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 10/28/2008                               | Test ID: DMRQA28           | Sample ID: CODE 15                   |
| End Date: 11/4/2008                                  | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: ERA QA Lot#Q027-004     |
| Sample Date: 10/28/2008                              | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 | Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas |
| Comments: DMRQA 28 Code 15 Tox Standard Check Sample |                            |                                      |

Dose-Response Plot



**Larval Fish Growth and Survival Test-7 Day Biomass**

|  |                            |                                      |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 10/28/2008                               | Test ID: DMRQA28           | Sample ID: CODE 15                   |
| End Date: 11/4/2008                                  | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: ERA QA Lot#Q027-004     |
| Sample Date: 10/28/2008                              | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-013 | Test Species: PP-Pimephales promelas |
| Comments: DMRQA 28 Code 15 Tox Standard Check Sample |                            |                                      |

**Auxiliary Data Summary**

| Conc-%    | Parameter       | Mean    | Min     | Max     | SD    | CV%   | N |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|---|
| N Control | Temp C          | 24.68   | 24.00   | 25.50   | 0.61  | 3.16  | 8 |
| 6.25      |                 | 24.68   | 24.00   | 25.50   | 0.61  | 3.16  | 8 |
| 12.5      |                 | 24.68   | 24.00   | 25.50   | 0.61  | 3.16  | 8 |
| 25        |                 | 24.68   | 24.00   | 25.50   | 0.61  | 3.16  | 8 |
| 50        |                 | 24.68   | 24.00   | 25.50   | 0.61  | 3.16  | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 24.35   | 24.00   | 24.70   | 0.49  | 2.89  | 2 |
| N Control | pH              | 7.90    | 7.90    | 7.90    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 8 |
| 6.25      |                 | 7.65    | 7.50    | 7.80    | 0.11  | 4.27  | 8 |
| 12.5      |                 | 7.59    | 7.40    | 7.70    | 0.10  | 4.15  | 8 |
| 25        |                 | 7.58    | 7.40    | 7.70    | 0.10  | 4.25  | 8 |
| 50        |                 | 7.59    | 7.50    | 7.70    | 0.08  | 3.81  | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 7.65    | 7.60    | 7.70    | 0.07  | 3.48  | 2 |
| N Control | DO mg/L         | 7.36    | 6.70    | 8.10    | 0.53  | 9.85  | 8 |
| 6.25      |                 | 7.11    | 6.50    | 7.90    | 0.52  | 10.19 | 8 |
| 12.5      |                 | 7.14    | 6.30    | 8.00    | 0.58  | 10.70 | 8 |
| 25        |                 | 7.16    | 6.40    | 7.90    | 0.52  | 10.05 | 8 |
| 50        |                 | 7.14    | 6.50    | 7.90    | 0.52  | 10.06 | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 7.30    | 6.80    | 7.80    | 0.71  | 11.52 | 2 |
| N Control | Hardness mg/L   | 83.13   | 80.00   | 86.00   | 2.64  | 1.96  | 8 |
| 6.25      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 12.5      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 25        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 50        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 100       |                 | 81.00   | 81.00   | 81.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 2 |
| N Control | Cond-umhos      | 355.00  | 327.00  | 377.00  | 20.85 | 1.29  | 8 |
| 6.25      |                 | 578.63  | 515.00  | 607.00  | 29.69 | 0.94  | 8 |
| 12.5      |                 | 828.38  | 802.00  | 859.00  | 19.60 | 0.53  | 8 |
| 25        |                 | 1326.50 | 1299.00 | 1380.00 | 24.91 | 0.38  | 8 |
| 50        |                 | 2273.50 | 2193.00 | 2357.00 | 54.99 | 0.33  | 8 |
| 100       |                 | 4181.00 | 4181.00 | 4181.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 2 |
| N Control | Alkalinity mg/L | 60.00   | 60.00   | 60.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 8 |
| 6.25      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 12.5      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 25        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 50        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00  |       | 0 |
| 100       |                 | 58.00   | 58.00   | 58.00   | 0.00  | 0.00  | 2 |



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Lot No. Q027-004  
USEPA Test Code 15, USEPA Method Code 1000.0  
Fathead Minnow  
7-day, Short Term Chronic, Daily Renewal, 25°C  
Moderately Hard Synthetic Freshwater (MHSF)  
Reference Toxicant - Potassium Chloride - KCl

**Whole Effluent Toxicity QC Standards**

Catalog No AQC004

| <b>Test Endpoint</b> | <b>Certified Value<sup>1</sup></b><br>% | <b>QC PALS<sup>™ 2</sup></b><br>% | <b>PT PALS<sup>™ 3</sup></b><br>% |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| IC25 (ON) Growth     | 29.9                                    | 22.0 - 37.7                       | 22.0 - 37.7                       |
| IC25 (SN) Growth     | 41.7                                    | 5.35 - 78.0                       | 5.35 - 78.0                       |
| NOEC (ON) Growth     | 25.0                                    | 12.5 - 50.0                       | 12.5 - 50.0                       |
| NOEC (SN) Growth     | 25.0                                    | 12.5 - 50.0                       | 12.5 - 50.0                       |
| NOEC Survival        | 25.0                                    | 12.5 - 50.0                       | 12.5 - 50.0                       |

| <b>Test Endpoint</b> | <b>Round Robin Data</b> |                        |                   | <b>Toxicant Concentration</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
|                      | <b>Mean</b><br>%        | <b>Acceptable</b><br>n | <b>Total</b><br>n |                               |
| IC25 (ON) Growth     | 29.9                    | 48                     | 56                | 2.00 g/L                      |
| IC25 (SN) Growth     | 41.7                    | 28                     | 29                | 2.00 g/L                      |
| NOEC (ON) Growth     | 25.0                    | 54                     | 55                | 2.00 g/L                      |
| NOEC (SN) Growth     | 25.0                    | 30                     | 30                | 2.00 g/L                      |
| NOEC Survival        | 25.0                    | 59                     | 59                | 2.00 g/L                      |

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TOXICITY TESTING • OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

**48 HOUR ACUTE CERIODAPHNIA SURVIVAL**

DATE: 28 October - 08

STANDARD TOXICANT: ERA QC LOT#Q027-008

ENDPOINT: SURVIVAL

NOEC = 50.00 %

IC25 = 37.50 %

**IC50 = 50.00 %**

Yours very truly,

Thomas (Tim) Mikel  
Laboratory Director

**-48 Hr Survival**

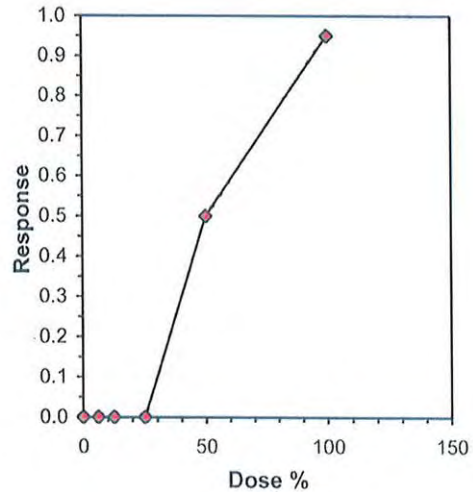
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|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 10/28/2008                                | Test ID: DMRQA 28          | Sample ID: CA0000000                |
| End Date: 10/30/2008                                  | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: ERA QC Lot#Q027-008    |
| Sample Date: 10/28/2008                               | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-012 | Test Species: CD-Ceriodaphnia dubia |
| Comments: DMR QA 28 Code 19 Tox Standard Check Sample |                            |                                     |

| Conc-%    | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N Control | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 6.25      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 12.5      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 25        | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 |
| 50        | 0.4000 | 0.4000 | 1.0000 | 0.2000 |
| 100       | 0.0000 | 0.2000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |

| Conc-%    | Mean   | N-Mean | Transform: Arcsin Square Root |        |        |        |   | Rank Sum | 1-Tailed Critical | Isotonic |        |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---|----------|-------------------|----------|--------|
|           |        |        | Mean                          | Min    | Max    | CV%    | N |          |                   | Mean     | N-Mean |
| N Control | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.3453                        | 1.3453 | 1.3453 | 0.000  | 4 |          |                   | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 6.25      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.3453                        | 1.3453 | 1.3453 | 0.000  | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 12.5      | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.3453                        | 1.3453 | 1.3453 | 0.000  | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 25        | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 1.3453                        | 1.3453 | 1.3453 | 0.000  | 4 | 18.00    | 10.00             | 1.0000   | 1.0000 |
| 50        | 0.5000 | 0.5000 | 0.7946                        | 0.4636 | 1.3453 | 48.029 | 4 | 12.00    | 10.00             | 0.5000   | 0.5000 |
| *100      | 0.0500 | 0.0500 | 0.2850                        | 0.2255 | 0.4636 | 41.771 | 4 | 10.00    | 10.00             | 0.0500   | 0.0500 |

| Auxiliary Tests   | Statistic | Critical | Skew    | Kurt    |
|---|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Shapiro-Wilk's Test indicates non-normal distribution (p <= 0.01) | 0.62195   | 0.884    | 2.09856 | 10.2485 |
| Equality of variance cannot be confirmed                          |           |          |         |         |
| Hypothesis Test (1-tail, 0.05)                                    | NOEC      | LOEC     | ChV     | TU      |
| Steel's Many-One Rank Test  | 50        | 100      | 70.7107 | 2       |
| Treatments vs N Control   |           |          |         |         |

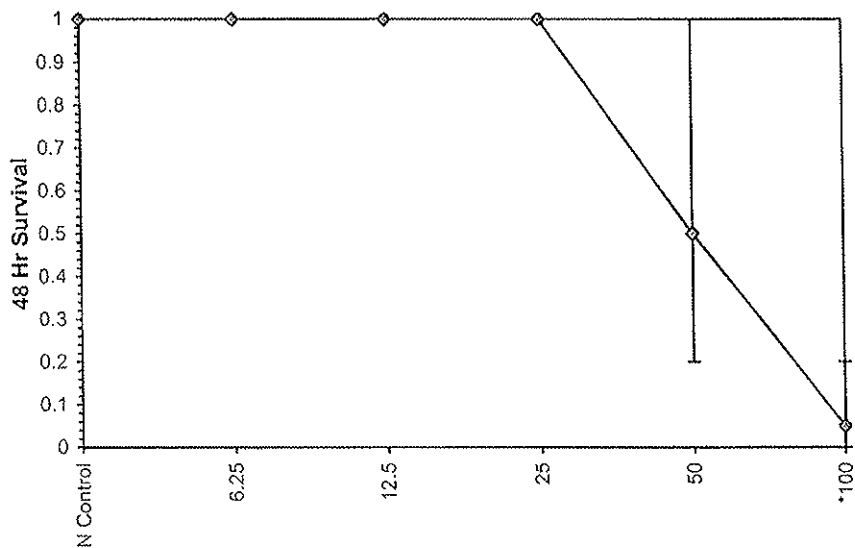
| Linear Interpolation (200 Resamples) |        |       |             |        |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Point                                | %      | SD    | 95% CL(Exp) |        | Skew   |
| IC05                                 | 27.500 | 2.186 | 26.352      | 36.833 | 7.8687 |
| IC10                                 | 30.000 | 3.134 | 27.705      | 48.667 | 3.9785 |
| IC15                                 | 32.500 | 4.272 | 29.057      | 60.500 | 3.0311 |
| IC20                                 | 35.000 | 4.785 | 30.410      | 64.000 | 2.3994 |
| IC25                                 | 37.500 | 5.314 | 31.762      | 67.500 | 1.9372 |
| IC40                                 | 45.000 | 7.043 | 35.819      | 78.000 | 1.1956 |
| IC50                                 | 50.000 | 8.451 | 38.524      | 85.000 | 0.8440 |



-48 Hr Survival

|   |                            |                                     |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 10/28/2008                                | Test ID: DMRQA 28          | Sample ID: CA0000000                |
| End Date: 10/30/2008                                  | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: ERA QC Lot#Q027-008    |
| Sample Date: 10/28/2008                               | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-012 | Test Species: CD-Ceriodaphnia dubia |
| Comments: DMR QA 28 Code 19 Tox Standard Check Sample |                            |                                     |

Dose-Response Plot



**-48 Hr Survival**

|   |                            |                                     |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Start Date: 10/28/2008                                | Test ID: DMRQA 28          | Sample ID: CA0000000                |
| End Date: 10/30/2008                                  | Lab ID: CAABC              | Sample Type: ERA QC Lot#Q027-008    |
| Sample Date: 10/28/2008                               | Protocol: EPA-821-R-02-012 | Test Species: CD-Ceriodaphnia dubia |
| Comments: DMR QA 28 Code 19 Tox Standard Check Sample |                            |                                     |

**Auxiliary Data Summary**

| Conc-%    | Parameter       | Mean    | Min     | Max     | SD     | CV%  | N |
|-----------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|---|
| N Control | Temp C          | 24.23   | 24.00   | 24.70   | 0.40   | 2.62 | 3 |
| 6.25      |                 | 24.23   | 24.00   | 24.70   | 0.40   | 2.62 | 3 |
| 12.5      |                 | 24.23   | 24.00   | 24.70   | 0.40   | 2.62 | 3 |
| 25        |                 | 24.23   | 24.00   | 24.70   | 0.40   | 2.62 | 3 |
| 50        |                 | 24.23   | 24.00   | 24.70   | 0.40   | 2.62 | 3 |
| 100       |                 | 24.23   | 24.00   | 24.70   | 0.40   | 2.62 | 3 |
| N Control | pH              | 7.87    | 7.80    | 7.90    | 0.06   | 3.05 | 3 |
| 6.25      |                 | 7.50    | 7.40    | 7.60    | 0.10   | 4.22 | 3 |
| 12.5      |                 | 7.47    | 7.40    | 7.50    | 0.06   | 3.22 | 3 |
| 25        |                 | 7.47    | 7.40    | 7.50    | 0.06   | 3.22 | 3 |
| 50        |                 | 7.47    | 7.40    | 7.50    | 0.06   | 3.22 | 3 |
| 100       |                 | 7.53    | 7.50    | 7.60    | 0.06   | 3.19 | 3 |
| N Control | DO mg/L         | 7.30    | 6.90    | 7.90    | 0.53   | 9.96 | 3 |
| 6.25      |                 | 7.33    | 6.80    | 7.60    | 0.46   | 9.27 | 3 |
| 12.5      |                 | 7.40    | 6.90    | 7.70    | 0.44   | 8.92 | 3 |
| 25        |                 | 7.43    | 6.90    | 7.80    | 0.47   | 9.25 | 3 |
| 50        |                 | 7.50    | 7.00    | 7.90    | 0.46   | 9.03 | 3 |
| 100       |                 | 7.50    | 7.10    | 7.90    | 0.40   | 8.43 | 3 |
| N Control | Hardness mg/L   | 84.33   | 81.00   | 86.00   | 2.89   | 2.01 | 3 |
| 6.25      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 12.5      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 25        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 50        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 100       |                 | 73.33   | 73.00   | 74.00   | 0.58   | 1.04 | 3 |
| N Control | Cond umhos      | 355.00  | 347.00  | 364.00  | 8.54   | 0.82 | 3 |
| 6.25      |                 | 466.00  | 455.00  | 474.00  | 9.85   | 0.67 | 3 |
| 12.5      |                 | 580.67  | 563.00  | 592.00  | 15.50  | 0.68 | 3 |
| 25        |                 | 833.00  | 831.00  | 835.00  | 2.00   | 0.17 | 3 |
| 50        |                 | 1317.67 | 1288.00 | 1333.00 | 25.70  | 0.38 | 3 |
| 100       |                 | 2115.67 | 1801.00 | 2323.00 | 277.06 | 0.79 | 3 |
| N Control | Alkalinity mg/L | 60.00   | 60.00   | 60.00   | 0.00   | 0.00 | 3 |
| 6.25      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 12.5      |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 25        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 50        |                 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.00   |      | 0 |
| 100       |                 | 55.00   | 55.00   | 55.00   | 0.00   | 0.00 | 3 |



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Lot No. Q027-008  
USEPA Test Code 19, USEPA Method Code 2002.0  
Ceriodaphnia dubia  
48-hour, Acute, Daily Renewal, 25 °C  
Moderately Hard Synthetic Freshwater (MHSF)  
Reference Toxicant - Potassium Chloride - KCl

**Whole Effluent Toxicity QC Standards**

Catalog No AQC008

**Classification**

| Test Endpoint | Certified Value <sup>1</sup><br>% | QC PALS™ <sup>2</sup><br>% | PT PALS™ <sup>3</sup><br>% |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| LC50          | 48.9                              | 20.0 - 77.8                | 20.0 - 77.8                |

**Analytical Data**

| Test Endpoint | Round Robin Data |              |         | Toxicant Concentration |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------|------------------------|
|               | Mean %           | Acceptable n | Total n |                        |
| LC50          | 48.8             | 54           | 55      | 1.00 g/L               |

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***Final Report***

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**Open Date: 07/14/08**

**Close Date: 08/28/08**

**Report Issued Date: 09/16/08**



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Study: **WP-162**

ERA Customer Number: **A548301**

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## Microbiology Results



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EPA ID: CA00021  
ERA Customer Number: A548301  
Report Issued: 09/16/08  
Study Dates: 07/14/08 - 08/28/08

| Anal. No. | Analyte | Units | Reported Value | Assigned Value | Acceptance Limits | Performance Evaluation | Method Description |
|-----------|---------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
|-----------|---------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|

**WP WP Coliform MicrobE™**

|      |                                |           |      |      |            |              |                 |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|------|------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2500 | Total Coliforms (MF)           | CFU/100mL |      | 77.0 | 35.0 - 172 | Not Reported |                 |
| 2530 | Fecal Coliforms - E.coli (MF)  | CFU/100mL |      | 45.0 | 9.00 - 228 | Not Reported |                 |
| 2500 | Total Coliforms (MPN)          | MPN/100mL | 72.8 | 71.0 | 15.4 - 328 | Acceptable   | SM9223 COLert18 |
| 2530 | Fecal Coliforms - E.coli (MPN) | MPN/100mL | 72.8 | 75.6 | 17.4 - 329 | Acceptable   | SM9223 COLert18 |

**WP WP Coliform MicrobE™**

|      |                                |           |    |      |            |              |             |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|----|------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2500 | Total Coliforms (MF)           | CFU/100mL |    | 77.0 | 35.0 - 172 | Not Reported |             |
| 2530 | Fecal Coliforms - E.coli (MF)  | CFU/100mL |    | 45.0 | 9.00 - 228 | Not Reported |             |
| 2500 | Total Coliforms (MPN)          | MPN/100mL | 50 | 71.0 | 15.4 - 328 | Acceptable   | SM9221B LTB |
| 2530 | Fecal Coliforms - E.coli (MPN) | MPN/100mL | 50 | 75.6 | 17.4 - 329 | Acceptable   | SM9221B LTB |

**WP Enterococci**

|      |                          |           |       |     |            |              |            |
|------|--------------------------|-----------|-------|-----|------------|--------------|------------|
| 2520 | Enterococci (MF)         | CFU/100mL |       | 594 | 345 - 1020 | Not Reported |            |
| 2520 | Enterococci (MPN)        | MPN/100mL | 387.3 | 472 | 142 - 1570 | Acceptable   | ENTEROLERT |
| 2540 | Fecal Streptococci (MF)  | CFU/100mL |       | 604 | 413 - 882  | Not Reported |            |
| 2540 | Fecal Streptococci (MPN) | MPN/100mL |       | 551 | 123 - 2460 | Not Reported |            |

**WP Enterococci**

|      |                          |           |     |     |            |              |             |
|------|--------------------------|-----------|-----|-----|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2520 | Enterococci (MF)         | CFU/100mL |     | 594 | 345 - 1020 | Not Reported |             |
| 2520 | Enterococci (MPN)        | MPN/100mL | 900 | 472 | 142 - 1570 | Acceptable   | SM9230B MPN |
| 2540 | Fecal Streptococci (MF)  | CFU/100mL |     | 604 | 413 - 882  | Not Reported |             |
| 2540 | Fecal Streptococci (MPN) | MPN/100mL |     | 551 | 123 - 2460 | Not Reported |             |