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DATA EVALUATION RECORD
ALGAL TOXICITY TEST
GUIDELINE OPPTS 850.5400 (TIERS I AND II)

1. **CHEMICAL:** PXTS PC Code No.:006929

2. **TEST MATERIAL:** PXTS TECHNICAL Purity:100%
Batch No.: 1685-23, Bottle #2
Exp. Date March 28, 2005
EPA File Symbol: 75799-R

3. **CITATION**

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Title: PXTS: A 96-Hour Toxicity Test With the Freshwater Alga (*Selenastrum capricornutum)*

Study Completion Date: January 9, 2003

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6. **STUDY PARAMETERS**:

Definitive Test Duration: 96-hr
Type of Concentrations: Nominal and Mean Measured (highest concentration)

7. **CONCLUSIONS**:

Cell Density	Reported	Verified
96-hr		
EC_{50}:	**>125 µg/L**	**>125 µg/L**
(95 %CI)	**Not calculable**	**Not calculable**
NOEC:	**125 µg/L**	**125 µg/L**

Study results were based on the nominal concentrations and the initial mean measured concentration of the highest test solution. After 72 and 96 hours of exposure, there were no apparent treatment-related effects upon growth; there were no signs of adherence of cells to the test chambers or aggregation/flocculation of algae; and there were no noticeable changes in cell morphology in any of the concentrations tested.

8. **ADEQUACY OF THE STUDY**

A. **Classification:** Supplemental.

B. **Rationale:** This study did not determine an EC_{50} value. A range finding test was not conducted to establish test solution concentrations for the definitive test.

C. **Repairability:** This study may be upgraded to core if the registrant submits a valid range finding study for *Selenastrum capricornutum* and provides additional description of good faith efforts taken to solubilize PXTS.

9. **GUIDELINE DEVIATIONS**

- The study was conducted using the Wildlife International, Ltd protocol which is based on OECD Guideline 201, harmonized OPPTS Test Guideline 850.5400, and EC Guideline L383A - C.3. The OECD and EC Guideline criteria may differ from the OPPTS Guideline (850.5400) that was used in preparing this Data Evaluation Record.

- The pH of the stock nutrient solution was adjusted to 8.0 using 10% HCL and sterilized by filtration. The OPPTS guideline recommends a pH of 7.5 ± 0.1 for *Selenastrum*.

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- The light intensity of 5890 to 7100 lux was higher than the 4300 ± 10% intensity recommended in the guidelines for *Selenastrum*.
- Photosynthetically-active radiation was not reported.
- Only the highest concentration (125 ug/L) sample could be analyzed due to limits of the analytical method. Therefore, the results of the study were based on the nominal test concentrations, the measured high dose chamber concentration, and the analyses of the stock solutions.
- The pH of the test medium was 8.1 at 0-hr and ranged from 8.9 - 9.2 at 96-hrs. These values were higher than the recommended pH value of 7.5 ± 0.1 for *Selenastrum*.
- The physical-chemical properties of the test chemical were not reported.
- The test concentrations did not bracket the EC_{50}. The study was conducted at concentrations above the known limit of solubility (below 12.5 µg/L) using a solvent to raise the solubility of the test substance above the saturation level, at the request of the EPA.
- Growth was inhibited by <90% at the highest concentration (10%).
- A positive control was not included as a part of the study.

10. SUBMISSION PURPOSE: **Registration**

11. MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. **Test Organisms**

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Species • *Selenastrum capricornatum (Raphidocelis subcapitata)* • *Skeletonema costatum* • *Anabaena flos-aquae* • *Navicula pelliculosa*	(p. 12) • *Selenastrum capricornatum* Printz (UTCC 37)

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Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Initial Number of Cells • 10,000 cells/mL (*Selenastrum, Anabaena, Navicula)* • 77,000 cells/mL (*Skeletonema*)	(p. 11) • Approximately 10,000 cells/mL at test initiation.
Stock Culture • 3 to 7 days old	(p.12) • The culture was transferred to fresh medium three days prior to test initiation.
Nutrients • Standard formula (ASTM E1218-20) • pH 7.5 ± 0.1 (*Selenastrum, Navicula, Anabaena*), 8.1 ± 0.1 (*Skeletonema*) • Freshly prepared	(p. 13) • Algal cells cultured and tested in freshwater algal medium (ASTM 1218-90E) • Stock nutrient solutions prepared by mixing reagent-grade chemicals with purified well water. The nutrient solutions then added to purified well water to prepare the test medium. • The pH was adjusted to 8.0 using 10% HCL and sterilized by filtration.

B. Test System

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Solvent • Upper limit - 0.5 mL/L	(p. 14 and 19) • 0.1 mL/L of acetone was used to raise the solubility of the test substance above the saturation level.
Temperature • 24° ± 2°C (*Selenastrum, Navicula, Anabaena*) • 20° ± 2°C (*Skeletonema*) • Recorded hourly	(p. 13 and 23) • Test chambers were held in an environmental chamber at 23 ± 2°C (22.4 - 24.2°C). • The temperature was monitored continuously in the chamber and twice daily in a container of water adjacent to test chambers.

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Light Intensity • 4.3 K lx (± 10%) (*Selenastrum, Skeletonema, Navicula*) • 2.2 K lx (± 10%) (*Anabaena*) • Photosynthetically active radiation approx. 66.5 ± 10% µEin/m^2/sec	(p. 13 and 19) • 5890 to 7100 lux (measurements taken at five locations surrounding the test flasks). • Photosynthetically active radiation not reported.
Photoperiod • 14-hr light/10-hr dark (*Skeletonema*) • Continuous (*Selenastrum, Navicula, Anabaena*)	(p. 13) • Continuous - 24-hr light/0-hr dark.
pH • 7.5 ± 0.1 (*Selenastrum, Navicula, Anabaema*) • 8.1 ± 0.1 (*Skeletonema*) • Measured at beginning and end of test	(p. 13 and 24) • pH = 8.1 (0-hr) • pH = 8.9 - 9.2 (96-hr) • At test initiation, pH was measured in the individual batches of test solution prepared for each treatment. At test termination, the pH was measured in pooled samples of test solution collected from each of the replicates of each treatment and control.
Oscillation Rates • 100 cycles/min (*Selenastrum*) • 60 cycles/min (*Skeletonema*)	(p. 13) • Test flasks were shaken continuously at approximately 100 rpm.
Test Containers • 125-500 mL Erlenmeyer flasks • Cleaned/sterilized (solvent and acid) and conditioned • Test solution volume ≤ 50% of flask volume	(p.13) • Sterile 250-mL Erlenmeyer flasks, plugged with foam stoppers, and containing the test solution of each respective treatment. • 100 mL test solution (<50% of flask volume).
Dilution Water • Sufficient quality (e.g., ASTM Type I) • Saltwater - commercial or modified synthetic formulation added to distilled/deionized water (30 ppt or 24-35 g/kg)	(p. 13) • Purified well water (NANOpure® water)

C. Test Design

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Range-Finding Test • Water solubility and physical-chemical properties of test chemical determined? • Validated analytical method developed? • Lowest dose at detection limit, upper dose at saturation concentration or 1000 mg/L • If < 50% reduction in growth at highest dose, no definitive test required	(p. 11) • Physical-chemical properties of the test chemical were not reported. • A validated analytical method was developed. • Range-finding test was not mentioned. • The final test was conducted at concentrations above the known limit of solubility (below 12.5 µg/L) using a solvent to raise the solubility of the test substance above the saturation level, at the request of the EPA.
Dose Range • 1.5X -2X progression	(p. 14) • Approximately 2X progression
Doses • 5 or more concentrations of test substance in a geometric series • >90% growth inhibited or stimulated at highest concentration or concentrations bracket expected EC_{50}	(p. 9 and 26) • Five concentrations: Nominal = 7.8, 16, 31, 63, 125 µg/L. Mean measured =160 µg/L Only the highest concentration (125 µg/L) could be analyzed due to limits of the analytical method, the maximum amount of water that can be removed from the test chambers, and the complexity of the algal medium. • <90% growth inhibited at the highest concentration (10% at 96-hr)
Controls • Negative and/or solvent each test • Positive - zinc chloride (periodically)	(p.9) • Negative and solvent control • No positive control
Replicates Per Dose • 3 or more (4 or more for *Navicula*)	(p. 11) • 3 replicates per dose, plus a negative and solvent control.
Duration of Test • 96-hr	(p. 11) • 96-hr

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Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Growth • Logarithmic growth (controls) by 96-hr or repeat test • 1.5 x 10^6 cells/mL (*Skeletonema*) • 3.5 x 10^6 cells/mL (*Selenastrum*)	(p. 19 , 26 and 30) • Logarithmic growth in control by 96-hr • Mean of 6.7 x 10^6 cells/mL at 96-hr. in the pooled control. • Increase by factor of 670.
Daily Observations?	• Yes (p. 16 and 26)
Method of Observations • Direct - microscopic cell count of at least 400 cells/flask • Indirect - spectrophotometry, electronic cell counter, dry weight, etc; calibrated by microscopic count • Qualitative and descriptive	(p. 16 and 20) • Cell counts were performed using an electron particle counter (Coulter Electronics, Inc.). • Growth of cells were assessed for aggregations or flocculation of cells, adherence of cells to the test chamber and a typical cell morphology.
Cell Separation • Syringe ultrasonic bath, or blender; limited sonification (*Anabaena*) • Manual or rotary shaking only (*Selenastrum, Skeletonema, Navicula)*	(p. 13) • Mechanical shaking in an environmental chamber.
Algistatic and algicidal effects differentiated?	(p. 20) • Algistatic and algicidal effects not differentiated. After 72 and 96 hours of exposure, there were no apparent treatment-related effects upon growth; there were no signs of adherence of cells to the test chambers or aggregation/flocculation of algae; and there were no noticeable changes in cell morphology in any of the concentrations tested.
Maximum Labeled Rate	• Not reported.

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12. REPORTED RESULTS

Guideline Criteria	Reported Information
Quality assurance and GLP compliance statements included in report?	• Yes (p. 3 and 4)
Detailed information on test organisms included (scientific name, method of verification, strain, and source)?	(p. 12) • Yes • Original algal cultures obtained from the University of Toronto Culture Collection and maintained at Wildlife International, Ltd., Easton, Maryland.
Growth in controls reported?	• Yes (p. 26)
Description of test system and test design included?	• Yes (p. 13)
Initial and final chemical concentrations and pH measured?	• Yes (p. 11, 22, 24)
Initial, 24-, 48-, 72- and 96-hr cell densities measured? % of inhibition or growth and other adverse effects reported?	• Yes • Yes (p. 26)
96-hr EC_{50} and when sufficient data generated 24-, 48-, and 72-hr EC_{50}, and 95% C.I. reported?	• Yes, 72- and 96- hour EC_{50} values were determined. 95% C.I. were not calculable. (p. 10)
Raw data included?	• Yes (p. 47-49)
Methods and data records reported?	• Yes (p. 12)
Statistical Analysis • Mean and standard deviation calculated and plotted? • Goodness-of-fit determined?	(p. 26-31) • Only mean calculated and plotted. • Yes

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Dose Response

Mean Cell Density and Percent Inhibition

Nominal Concentration at Test Initiation (µg/L)	24-Hour		48-Hour		72-Hour		96-Hour	
	Mean Cell Density (cell/mL)	Percent Inhibition	Mean Cell Density (cell/mL)	Percent Inhibition	Mean Cell Density (cell/mL)	Percent Inhibition	Mean Cell Density (cell/mL)	Percent Inhibition
Negative Control	88,692	--	637,727	--	3,070,206	--	6,674,770	--
Solvent Control	80,885	--	555,073	--	2,918,678	--	6,784,676	--
Pooled Control	84,789	--	596,400	--	2,994,442	--	6,729,723	--
7.8	79,101	6.7	542,747	9.0	2,530,850	15	6,475,908	3.8
16	83,603	1.4	574,760	3.6	2,811,694	6.1	6,395,740	5.0
31	73,453	13	519,766	13	2,829,219	5.5	6,634,382	1.4
63	79,139	6.7	483,309	19	2,948,519	1.5	6,516,627	3.2
125	74,983	12	466,859	22	2,717,386	9.3	6,073,097	10

[1] Percent Inhibition was calculated relative to the pooled control replicates using SAS Version 8.02.
No statistically significant differences ($p>0.05$ at 72 and 96 hours from the pooled control replicates using Dunnett's test.
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Mean Area Under the Growth Curve (Biomass) and Percent Inhibition

Nominal Concentration at Test Initiation (µg/L)	0-24-hour		0-48-hour		0-72-hour		0-96-hour	
	Mean Area	Percent Inhibition	Mean Area	Percent Inhibition	Mean Area	Percent Inhibition	Mean Area	Percent Inhibition
Negative Control	944,304	--	9,421,332	--	53,676,528	--	170,376,240	--
Solvent Control	850,624	--	8,242,128	--	49,687,140	--	165,887,388	--
Pooled Control	897,464	--	8,831,730	--	51,681,834	--	168,131,814	--
7.8	829,208	7.6	8,051,376	8.8	44,694,532	14	152,535,620	9.3
16	883,236	1.6	8,543,592	3.3	48,941,036	5.3	159,190,236	5.3
31	761,432	15	7,640,056	13	47,587,880	7.9	160,911,100	4.3
63	829,664	7.6	7,339,036	17	48,280,972	6.6	161,622,724	3.9
125	779,792	13	7,041,892	20	45,012,832	13	150,258,624	11

[1] Percent inhibition was calculated relative to the pooled control replicates using SAS Version 8.02.
* No statistically significant difference ($p<0.05$) at 72 and 96 hours from the pooled control replicates using Dunnett's Test.
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Mean Growth Rate and Percent Inhibition

Nominal Test Concentration at Test Initiation (µg/L)	0-24 Hours		0-48 Hours		0-72 Hours		0-96 Hours	
	Mean Growth Rate	Percent Inhibition	Mean Growth Rate	Percent Inhibition	Mean Growth Rate	Percent Inhibition	Mean Growth Rate	Percent Inhibition
Negative Control	0.0909	--	0.0866	--	0.0795	--	0.0677	--
Solvent Control	0.0869	--	0.0835	--	0.0788	--	0.0679	--
Pooled Control	0.0889	--	0.0850	--	0.0792	--	0.0678	--
7.8	0.0860	3.2	0.0830	2.3	0.0767	3.1	0.0674	0.62
16	0.0883	0.68	0.0843	0.85	0.0782	1.2	0.0673	0.79
31	0.0830	6.7	0.0820	3.5	0.0783	1.1	0.0677	0.23
63	0.0861	3.2	0.0806	5.2	0.0790	0.26	0.0675	0.50
125	0.0839	5.6	0.0801	5.8	0.0778	1.7	0.0677	1.6

[1] Percent Inhibition was calculated relative to the pooled control replicates using SAS Version 8.02.
* No statistically significant difference ($p>0.05$) at 72 and 96 hours from the pooled control replicates using Dunnett's test.
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Statistical Results

Statistical Method: Cell density, growth rate, and area under the growth curve were analyzed statistically by non-linear regression versus concentration (SAS, Version 8.02) to determine EC_{50} values and corresponding 95% confidence limits for each 24-hour exposure interval. To determine the NOEC at 72 and 96 hours, cell density and the area under the growth curve data were first evaluated for normality and homogeneity of variance using Shapiro-Wilk's and Levene's tests, respectively, and were compared to the control using Dunnett's test (p=0.05).

EC_{50}, E_bC_{50} and E_rC_{50} Values (µg/L) Values Over the 96-hr Exposure Period

Time	Cell Density			Area Under the Growth Curve			Growth Rate		
	EC_{50} (µg/L)	95% C.I.	NOEC (µg/L)	EC_{50} (µg/L)	95% C.I.	NOEC (µg/L)	EC_{50} (µg/L)	95% C.I.	NOEC (µg/L)
24-hr	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--
48-hr	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--
72-hr	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	125
96-hr	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	125

[1] 95% Confidence limits could not be calculated with the data obtained.
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13. VERIFICATION OF STATISTICAL RESULTS

Statistical Method:

NOEC Determination
The 72 hour and 96 hour data were first checked for normality and homogeneity using the Shapiro-Wilks' Test and Bartletts Test, respectively. Data were normally distributed; therefore, the NOECs were determined using the Bonferroni T-Test.

EC_{50} Determination
The EC_{50}, E_bC_{50} and E_rC_{50} values and 95% confidence limits were calculated for cell densities, biomass and growth rate. The EC values were determined using EPA's Linear Interpolation Method for Sublethal Toxicity: The Inhibition Concentration (ICp) Approach.

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EC_{50}, E_bC_{50} and E_rC_{50} Values (µg/L) Values Over the 96-hr Exposure Period

	Cell Density			Area Under the Growth Curve			Growth Rate		
Time	EC_{50} (µg/L)	95% C.I.	NOEC (µg/L)	EC_{50} (µg/L)	95% C.I.	NOEC (µg/L)	EC_{50} (µg/L)	95% C.I.	NOEC (µg/L)
24-hr	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--
48-hr	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--	>125	–[1]	--
72-hr	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	–[2]
96-hr	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	125	>125	–[1]	–[2]

[1] 95% Confidence limits could not be calculated with the data obtained.
[2] The NOEC could not be verified because the mean square values are zero, and an F value could not be calculated.

14. REVIEWER'S COMMENTS:

- Verified NOEC values are the same as reported in the Study, with the exception of the growth rate NOEC that could not be verified because the mean square values are zero and an F value could not be calculated..
- Verified EC_{50} values are the same as those reported in the Study.