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DATA EVALUATION RECORD

- 1. **CHEMICAL:** Chlorpyrifos (Dursban ME 20).
Shaughnessey No. 059101.
- 2. **TEST MATERIAL:** Dursban® 20 MEC (XRM-5160); Identification:
AGR 286398; Dow Registry No. DR-0320-1647; 25.6% active
ingredient chlorpyrifos; a milk-colored liquid.
- 3. **STUDY TYPE:** Freshwater Fish Static Acute Toxicity Test.
Species Tested: Bluegill Sunfish (Lepomis macrochirus).
- 4. **CITATION:** Mayes, M.A., S.J. Gorzinski, C.H. Richardson,
J.T. Weinberg, and R.B. Potter. 1991. XRM 5160
(Microencapsulated Insecticide): Acute Toxicity to the
Bluegill, Lepomis macrochirus Rafinesque. Laboratory
Project Study ID. ES-DR-0320-1647-6. Prepared by
Environmental Toxicology & Chemistry Research Laboratory,
The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI. Submitted by
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7. **CONCLUSIONS:** This study is not scientifically sound. The
analysis for chlorpyrifos was highly variable and suggests
that the actual concentrations of chlorpyrifos the fish were
exposed to are unknown. Under the conditions of the test,
the 96-hour LC₅₀ of XRM-5160 for bluegill sunfish was 3.0
mg/L mean measured concentration of formulated product.
Therefore, XRM-5160 is classified as moderately toxic to
bluegill. The NOEC was 0.9 mg/L mean measured
concentration.

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LC₅₀ 768 ppm a.i. (614-922)
nominal concentration
① 1/9

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** N/A.
9. **BACKGROUND:**
10. **DISCUSSION OF INDIVIDUAL TESTS:** N/A.
11. **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

- A. **Test Animals:** Bluegill sunfish (Lepomis macrochirus) were obtained from a commercial supplier in Osage Beach, MO. The fish were held on a 16-hour light/8-hour dark photoperiod for at least 14 days prior to testing. They were fed a commercially available fish food daily. The fish were acclimated to the test temperature for at least 48 hours prior to testing and feeding was discontinued 72 hours prior to testing. Mortality of the test fish was less than 3% in the 7 days before testing.

The mean standard length and mean weight of the control fish at the end of the test were 37 (29-42) mm and 0.96 g, respectively.

- B. **Test System:** The test was conducted in 12-L glass beakers containing 10-L of test solution. The beakers were fitted with glass covers and held in a temperature-controlled water trough set to maintain $22.0 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. A 16-hour light/8-hour dark photoperiod was provided using cool-white fluorescent tubes.

The dilution water was obtained from the upper Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron. It was limed and flocculated with ferric chloride by the City of Midland Water Treatment Plant. The water was sand-filtered, pH-adjusted with CO_2 , carbon-filtered, and UV-irradiated in the laboratory before use. The water had a pH of 7.5-7.7, an alkalinity of 46-47 mg/L as CaCO_3 , a hardness of 70-73 mg/L as CaCO_3 , and a conductivity of 170-185 $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$.

- C. **Dosage:** Ninety-six-hour static test. Based on a preliminary test, six nominal concentrations (1.6, 2.6, 4.3, 7.2, 12, and 20 mg/L) and a dilution water control were used. The concentrations made were based on the total product (tested as a formulation).
- D. **Design:** Five bluegill were indiscriminately distributed to each beaker; two beakers per

concentration. The biomass loading rate in the control was 0.48 g/L. The test solutions were prepared by combining an appropriate amount of the test material with test dilution water to a final volume of 2 L. After thorough mixing, the solution was added to the test beakers containing 8 L of dilution water and the fish. The test solutions were lightly aerated during the test.

Observations of mortality and sublethal responses were made every 24 hours. Dead fish were removed. The temperature, dissolved oxygen (D.O.), and pH were measured daily in all test beakers containing live fish. The temperature was also measured continuously in one representative vessel.

The concentrations of chlorpyrifos in the solutions after 0 and 96 hours were measured using gas chromatography .

- E. **Statistics:** The 96-hour median lethal concentration (LC_{50}) and associated 95% confidence interval (C.I.) was calculated using a computer program developed by Stephan et al.

12. **REPORTED RESULTS:** "The results of the analysis of chlorpyrifos can be found in Table 5 (attached). The slightly lower than expected analyzed concentrations (compared to nominal XRM-5160 concentrations) found at hour 0 indicate that the microencapsulated material may have coated out on the aquaria (or that some of the chlorpyrifos that leached from the capsules may have coated out on the glass) due to insolubility. Results of the 96 hour analysis show that the analyzed concentrations of chlorpyrifos greatly decreased from the hour 0 sampling." Measured concentrations were adjusted for the percent recovery (78.3%) of chlorpyrifos from the laboratory water.

The responses of bluegill are given in Table 7 (attached). The 96-hour LC_{50} value (based on nominal concentrations) was 4.1 mg/L (95% C.I. = 3.2-5.2 mg/L). Sublethal effects were noted at concentrations ≥ 2.46 mg/L. The no-observed-effect concentration (NOEC) was given as 1.6 mg/L.

Dissolved oxygen ranged from 7.8 to 9.1 mg/L. The pH values ranged from 7.4 to 8.0. The temperature was reported as 21.9°-22.4°C throughout the test.

13. **STUDY AUTHOR'S CONCLUSIONS/QUALITY ASSURANCE MEASURES:**

The authors stated that XRM-5160 can be characterized as moderately toxic to bluegill.

Quality Assurance and Good Laboratory Practice Statements were included in the report, indicating that the study was conducted in accordance with FIFRA Good Laboratory Practice Standards set forth in 40 CFR Part 160.

14. **REVIEWER'S DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION OF STUDY RESULTS:**

- A. **Test Procedure:** The test procedures were generally in accordance with protocols recommended by the guidelines, but deviated as follows:

The test was conducted with a formulated product. The technical grade is required for testing.

An inert or carrier ingredient control was not included in the test design.

The test solutions were aerated during the test. However, this is acceptable since the test concentrations were measured during the test.

The length of the acclimation period to the temperature was given as at least 48 hours. An acclimation period of at least two weeks is recommended.

The report did not state whether the recommended 15-30 minute transition period between light and dark was used.

The alkalinity, hardness and conductivity of the test solutions were not measured during the test.

The results of the continuous temperature monitoring were not given in the test.

The age of the test fish was not given in the report.

- B. **Statistical Analysis:** The reviewer used EPA's Toxanal program and mean measure concentrations of formulated product to calculate the LC₅₀ values and obtained a 96-h LC₅₀ of 3.0 mg/L (95% C.I. = 2.4-3.6), see attached printout. The slope of the probit line was 6.9.

- C. **Discussion/Results:** The test material is a microencapsulation which apparently slowly leaches the

active ingredient, chlorpyrifos, which may then adhere to the glass test vessels. A static system is probably not adequate for testing this formulation. According to the authors, "microcapsules settled to the bottom of the test vessels" and the concentration of chlorpyrifos sampled at 96 hours "greatly decreased from the hour 0 sampling." Using a flow-through system may improve the consistency of the analytical results (i.e. more constant concentrations) but may still underestimate the toxicity of the test material because of the slow leach rate of the toxic component, chlorpyrifos.

This study is not scientifically sound. The physical properties of the formulation (microencapsulation) caused the analysis for chlorpyrifos to be highly variable and suggests that the actual concentrations of chlorpyrifos the fish were exposed to are unknown. Under the conditions of the test, the 96-hour LC_{50} of XRM-5160 for bluegill sunfish was 3.0 mg/L mean measured concentration of formulated product. The NOEC was 0.9 mg/L measured concentration.

D. Adequacy of the Study:

- (1) **Classification:** Invalid.
- (2) **Rationale:** The actual concentrations of chlorpyrifos the fish were exposed to are unknown.
- (3) **Repairability:** No.

15. **COMPLETION OF ONE-LINER FOR STUDY:** Yes, 07-19-91.

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CONC.	NUMBER EXPOSED	NUMBER DEAD	PERCENT DEAD	BINOMIAL PROB.(PERCENT)
11.8	10	10	100	9.765625E-02
6.2	10	10	100	9.765625E-02
4.8	10	9	90	1.074219
2.6	10	5	50	62.30469
2.57	10	2	20	5.46875
.9	10	0	0	9.765625E-02

THE BINOMIAL TEST SHOWS THAT .9 AND 4.8 CAN BE USED AS STATISTICALLY SOUND CONSERVATIVE 95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS, BECAUSE THE ACTUAL CONFIDENCE LEVEL ASSOCIATED WITH THESE LIMITS IS GREATER THAN 95 PERCENT.

AN APPROXIMATE LC50 FOR THIS SET OF DATA IS 2.6

RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE MOVING AVERAGE METHOD

SPAN	G	LC50	95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS	
4	9.668058E-02	← 2.762386	2.216461	- 3.413589

3.413589

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RESULTS CALCULATED USING THE PROBIT METHOD

ITERATIONS	G	H	GOODNESS OF FIT PROBABILITY
5	.3043586	1	.7223218

SLOPE = 6.899711
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 3.09323 AND 10.70619

LC50 = 2.957326
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 2.398373 AND 3.567393

LC10 = 1.935679
95 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LIMITS = 1.058568 AND 2.389746

Study/Species/Lab/
MRID # _____ Chemical
% a.i. _____ Results _____ Reviewer/ Validation
Date _____ Status _____

48-Hour EC₅₀ _____ EC₅₀ - pp (95% C.L.) Control Mortality (%) - _____
Solvent Control Mortality (%) - _____

Species: Slope - # Animals/Level - Temperature -

Lab: _____
MRID # _____
48-Hour Dose Level pp / (% Effect)
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Comments:

96-Hour LC₅₀ 25.6 LC₅₀ - 3.0 * 95% C.L. Probit Control Mortality (%) - 0
ppm (2.4 - 3.6) Solvent Control Mortality (%) - N/A

Species: Lepomis macrochirus Slope - 6.9 # Animals/Level - 10 Temperature - 22°C

Lab: Environ tox + chem *
Dow Chemical Co. 96-Hour Dose Level ppm / (% Mortality)
0.9 (0), 2.5 (20), 2.6 (50), 4.8 (90), 6.2 (100) 7/19/91

MRID # 418852-03 Comments: 11.8 (100)

② * mean measured concentrations of formulated product